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'Toffs' to share with 'people's group'

Royal Opera to be joined by the ENO

By Dalya Alberge, Richard Morrison and Carol Midgley

THE "exclusive" Royal Opera company is to share its Covent Garden home with the "people's English National Opera after 1999 under a startling proposal from Chris Smith. he Culture Secretary,

resterday.
The ENO will abandon its London Coliseum theatre and oin the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet at the redeveloped Royal Opera House, hich will change its name to the Covent Garden Theatre.

The theatre's present management structure, con-lemned as a shambles by MPs last week, will be dis-banded and a new board separate from the royal opera and ballet companies - will take over. But before then, the former National Theatre director Sir Richard Eyre will conduct a review on how the . site can best be used when it

reopens in 1999. The move was greeted with astonishment last night. ENO people's opera", performing in English and pegging its ticket prices to general West End levels. The Royal Opera where £200 tickets are not unknown - has preserved its exclusive image, depending heavily on multimillion donations from private benefactors. Under Mr Smith's proposal. the "toff's opera" and the "people's opera" would take turns to share the stage — and

the Crush Bar. The idea was welcomed by Lord Chadlington, the opera house chairman, who said: This is a very interesting initiative which could lead to a solution and build on the

strength of both houses." But the ENO's music director Paul Daniel was "greatly concerned" that the proposed review could threaten the com-pany's unique work. "Only two weeks ago, the ENO was given a massive vote of confidence when it was awarded



Smith: radical plan to tackle deficits

£4.5 million to invest in its future as part of the Arts Council's stabilisation programme. ENO has its own strong artistic vision and a special relationship with a large and loyal audience. All this could be jeopardised."

But Mr Smith said that the arrangement would offer "cultural and financial gains" for ther opera company was under threat. Covent Garden would become an "independent receiving house" for large-scale productions by the three companies, which would each retain their own boards.

"If we simply carry on." Mr Smith said, we will be making do and mending from one year's end to another. We might end up losing both major companies. This way we retain both, not only surviving but thriving."

Public funds were not limitless: running costs for the two opera companies amounted to £26 million, while the Royal Opera House received a controversial £78 million for its redevelopment. Only last week, the Opera House's chief executive Mary Allen admitted that it was on the verge of bankruptcy. Both opera companies have spiralling deficits, and the Coliseum would require a £60 million conversion

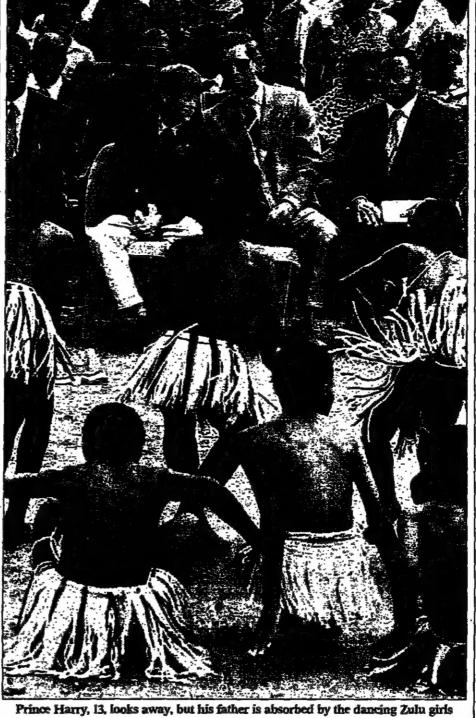
if ENO were to remain there. Mr Smith added: "A proposal of this kind should enable us to resolve some of the financial problems bedevilling the com-panies and enable us to achieve major cultural gains in terms of touring, education and getting performance out of London to a considerable extent. I believe London can afford two opera companies. What I doubt is if it can afford two state-of-the-art opera-

Funding was a key influence in this decision. By having only one lavish £240 million opera house, they would not have to pay millions more for a new ENO building. Nothing has yet been decided over the Collseum building itself it could be rented or sold.

Mr Smith emphasised that it was too early to be specific about anything. For example, how the year would be shared, the exact number of perforwould be less ordera in London and promised that the artistic integrity of each company would be protected.

Setting out his objectives in a letter to Sir Richard, Mr Smith wrote: "I want to ensure that we are able to sustain the highest standards of national and international excellence in performance: I want to ensure that the distinctive artistic styles of each company are protected and secured. In particular, I would like to see that work become more accessible to all of us."

Critics have long attacked the two opera companies for their reluctance to perform outside Landon - neither did any touring in Britain last year. Of the Royal Opera's 146 performances, 27 were overseas; the ENO performs for ten months of the year at the Coliseum and stages performances by visiting companies for the other two.



Test for a young Prince

IN DURBAN

WHEN a troupe of barebreasted dancing girls wel-comed him to a Zulu village esterday, Prince Harry, 13,

duced to a taxi driver called

hardly knew where to look. In the event, the Prince, accompanying his father, the Prince of Wales, for part of his five-day official visit to South Africa, maintained a commendable dignity. And if halfnaked dancers were not enough, he was also introPrince Philip, not his grandfa-ther but the brother of the local chief, and invited to stick a hand into wet cement.

When the dancing girls appeared in the dusty yard of a village school in the north of KwaZulu/Natal, Prince Harry did not know where best to fix his gaze. But his father grinned broadly throughout and tapped his foot in time to

an urgent drum beat. Apart from the Prince Philip incident, the coment proved as bothersome as the bouncing bosoms. Father and son

ting, and their hands made little impression until a plasterer smoothed the surface for a second, more successful

Prince Harry will fly home today to return to school, which will seem tedious compared with his week in Africa. But at least he has seen some memorable sights - and some of them in a school playground at that.

handprints in a block to be built into the school wall. But

Woodward's lawyers make case for verdict to be annulled

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

LAWYERS for Louise Woodward, convicted last week for the murder of eightmonth-old Matthew Eappen, yesterday filed a motion asking the judge to set aside the jury's verdict and to order a finding of not guilty.

An alternative motion asks the judge to order a new trial. Finally, the lawyers move that should these alternatives not succeed, than a manslaughter verdict should be returned. However, the application does not concede that the evidence supports a conviction of any offence.

The motions, made to the Middlesex County Superior Court, will be presented to Judge Hiller B. Zobel today.

In support of a not guilty verdict the lawyers argue that the evidence concerning the time of Matthew Eappin's injury was insufficient as a matter of law to support the verdict.

Particular emphasis was placed on the uncontradicted arguments by Dr Jan Leestma, a neuropathologist, which established, in the opinion of the defence, that the

weeks old. The defence also says that the disclosure by the hospital of autopsy photographs of Matthew's skull to the court on the penultimate day of the trial, unfairly prejudiced the

The motion also argues that the fact that serum spurred out of Matthew's dura (brain matter) when it was first punctured by surgeons proves beyond reasonable doubt that the injury was old.

The motion also brings to the judge's attention the fact that witnesses for the prosecution frequently conceded that the defence's "old injury, new rebleed " position was a widely recognised phenomenon that can and does occur with

Apart from medical arguments the motion also says that there were judicial errors warranting a new trial. These included errors that the defence alleges the judge made in his instructions to the

Finally, the motion claims that the prosecution's tactic of overcharging Miss Wood-



Woodward: plea says

ward with first degree murder served to worsen the prejudicial effect of the publicity Even if the judge were to accept the manslaughter motion and assuming that the prosecution chose not to appeal against the decision to a

could be freed in a matter of This assumes that the judge will treat the time she has already spent in custody as a lengthy enough period of imprisonment to satisfy the needs of justice.

higher court, Miss Woodward

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Iraqi threat to US spy planes

Iraq delivered its first military challenge yesterday in its confrontation with the United Nations by threatening to shoot down American U2 spy planes flying over the country as part of United Nations weapons inspections. .

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French road gridlock as Death reveals royal strikers man barricades

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

TRANSPORT chaos reigned throughout France yesterday. as striking lorry drivers blocked roads, fuel depots and border crossings, vowing to maintain their stranglehold for weeks unless wage de-

mands are met. With at least 140 illegal roadblocks, the demonstrators brought freight traffic to a halt, trapping hundreds of foreign hanliers and causing huge traffic jams.

Hundreds of riot police moved in to reopen blockaded roads at the Spanish and German borders, but the Government showed no sign it was prepared to ensure the "transit corridors" requested by neighbouring countries and haulage companies, some of which face bankruptcy.
The ports at Calais and

Boulogne were sealed off by strikers using lorries, concrete blocks and metal spikes. The road to the Belgian border was also cut off.

With dozens of fuel depots and oil refineries under siege, several regions introduced petrol rationing. On the main motorway

between Lyons and Paris angry foreign lorry drivers, mainly Spanish, mounted a counter-blockade, fought with strikers and then forced their way through the barricades. One French trucker brandished a revolver but did not

move them on, lifting blockopen fire, after dozens of Spanish drivers exchanged ades under pressure but then blows with strikers on the A6 raising them elsewhere. autoroute at Villefranche-sur-But if international pressure Saone, north of Lyons. Union is mounting on Paris for

leaders agreed to lift the sterner measures, public opinblockade temporarily to preion in France, as last year. vent further violence. appeared to be broadly supportive of the strikers. The strike has gained momentum and spread far more Neil Kinnock, the European rapidly than during last year's Transport Commissioner, was said to be considering legal crippling 12-day dispute, and intervention. "We are not economists warned that the

going to let this run and run fragile French economic recovery would be under serious and run. It already looks threat if the blockade continworse than the strike last ues. About 80 per cent of goods year." said his spokeswoman. in France are moved by road. British hauliers say that similar action would not be In most areas the strikers stopped all lorries but allowed tolerated in Britain, and Steven Norris, the former Transprivate cars to pass. The decision on whether to port Minister and director general of the Road Haulage Association, said he wanted

intervene lies initially with the local prefecture, and the unions have vowed to "play cat and mouse" if police try to



biographer's secret

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

IN LIFE, the biographer Helen Cathcart revealed the inside story of the royals. Only on the death of her friend and assistant Harold Albert has her own little secret been disclosed: she did not exist. She was Harold Albert.

For decades Cathcart, dubbed the doyenne of royal book writers in less revealing days, was a prolific and hugely popular chronicler of the Oueen and her family. But while her books sold briskly. she remained an obsessive recluse. Her only conduit to the outside world seemed to be Arnold, who presented himself as her literary manager. He delivered her manuscripts. arranged serialisations and approached newspaper edi-

tors with her articles. Albert was assiduous in protecting the privacy of the client he had invented, insisting that even her age and past history were deemed by her to he irrelevant to her work. His labours were often noted in the acknowledgements page of Mrs Cathcart's books.

Some suspected that Albert might be the true author of the score of books published between 1962 and 1988, and including Her Majesty, The Queen Herself and Charles: Man of Destiny. But the truth was never properly estab-lished. You will find people who will say they knew per-Aircraft chartered, page 6 | feetly well but it was never

confirmed, just the occasional hint in the gossip columns," said the biographer Hugo Vickers, who had guessed.

"If you had rung Harold Albert he would have denied it and sent you a copy of one of the books signed by Mrs Cathcart. When journalists went to see him at his house they came away fairly certain that something was up, but never 100 per cent sure." The matter was settled

publicly only by the death notice in The Times which recorded the demise of "Harold Albert, author and famed royal biographer under the name of Mrs Helen Cathcart". Mrs Cathcart had an elegant writing style but was not

afraid to upset Buckingham Palace. "She never wrote nasty things and was very much on the side of the royals," said Mr Vickers. "The books are quite good. She would write about subjects that were later put out by other writers as major discoveries."

While researching this newspaper's obituary for this newspaper it emerged that Albert, who died aged 88 in Sussex, had a life as intriguing as any of his subjects. Born Harold Kemp he had a humble start but made up for that with a rich imagination and a love of a good joke - the longer-running the better.

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more than sincere regrets

from the French Government.

"I think the French are indif-

ferent to the damage they are

The issue is likely to top the

agenda when Tony Blair meets Lionel Jospin, his opp-

osite number, and President

Chirac in London for a two-

day Anglo-French summit

The Government yesterday

halted the export of 10,000

sheep from Dover to Dunkirk

because of delays the animals

starting on Thursday.

were likely to suffer.

doing." he said.

Speaker brings to heel frisky old dog with roving eye

Speaker, interrupting Questions to Defence Ministers. bristled with indignation. They may be pretty girls, but we don't do those things." Not since Joyce Grenfell, appearing in a wireless sketch as an infants' school teacher, interrupted her lesson - "George! Don't do that" - has an audience sat up in such

amused curiosity.

What "things"? Which pretty girls? What did the MPs' kindergarten-teacher mean? Had the susceptible and ebul-

made a lunge at an attractive lady colleague? Had Miss Boothroyd intercepted an embarrassing billet-doux from to an unnamed woman? Hansard records words alone. Archivists reconstructing Commons scenes from the Official Record may conjure a more exotic picture than the facts allow.

The facts are these. Nicholas Soames (C. Mid-Sussex) contrives to be chunky and frisky at the same time: a combination of qualities as

lient former Defence minister alarming in a Tory back-made a lunge at an attractive bencher as in a St Bernard. During defence questions, Mr Soames spotted, from his seat on the opposition backbenches, a young lady civil servant dressed in pale green. He knew this lady. She was sitting in the civil servants' box, a small enclosure to the Chair's right, where officials serving the ministers at the dispatch box sit in readiness to give their bosses help with facts they may need.

Requests for such help and civil servants' answers are



conveyed back and forth in notes, for it is a House rule that the only people officially "in" the chamber are MPs, the Chair, and servants of the House. What you or I may see as "the chamber" is not the

The real chamber is thus an oddly-shaped space, missing

balconies where we who are not "in" the House sit. Strangers in the Strangers' Gallery. peers in the Peers' Gallery. civil servants in their box and journalists in our Press Gallery are outside the chamber. An MP cannot therefore talk to us. Sketchwriters are sometimes reprimanded by

servants of the House for

holding whispered conversations with MPs sitting next to us in their adjacent overflow gallery. As these conversations are always initiated by the MPs, it is hard to know what to do. Ignore them?

Perhaps that is what the young lady in green should have done when Mr Soames bounded over to the civil servants' box (which is on the government side of the cham-ber) and began a friendly conversation with her. But she was a Defence Ministry employee and he had been

(before May) one of her minis-ters. So she did not rebuff her genial, bouncy former boss. "Mr Soames! They may be pretty girls, but we don't do

those things" must be understood in that light. Poor Soames wheeled around like a hound discovered trying to get the pheasant off the table, and slunk, hangdog, back down the gangway, running a gauntlet of hooting Labour MPs. The whole House roared with laughter.

may talk to me,*
Miss Boothrovd.

purplish-red, and trotted up to the Chair. He stood beside Madam Speaker as she chatted briefly with him in apparently friendly reproof.

But he did not return to his seat, Instead, the frisky chunk. made a bolt for it, out through the door behind the Chair, the Soames tail very much between the Soames legs. Labour MPs ventured some jokes about Tory "bonding" which are probably best ignored. Soames, a genuinely affable chap, was only being friendly.

Inquiry prompts urgent reform of cancer screening

SWEEPING nationwide reform of breast and cervical cancer screening is to be carried out after the publication yesterday of the second highly critical report in a

formight.
In future both will be coordinated through the eight regions of the National Health Service, ending the fragmentation that occurred with the introduction of the internal market by the previous

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, ordered the shakeup yesterday after an investigation showed that the breast cancer service in East Devon did not recall 229 out of 1,920 women whose mammograms showed that they needed reassessment. The women have all been contacted subsequently and the last will be seen on Monday.

The investigation by Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, concluded that there was evidence of failure on the part of two radiologists at Exeter - John Brennan, of the Royal Devon and Exeter Trust, and Graham Urquhart, of South Devon Trust - to provide care to the standard reasonably expected of consultants involved

have been instituted against Dr Brennan, the doctor in charge of the breast unit, who has been suspended. The South Devon Trust has commissioned an audit of all the radiological work done by Dr Urquhart. Neither is currently

working in this field. "Women in East Devon have been put through worry. of the failures of the screening service at the Royal Devon and Exeter and by the compromised state of the quality assurance systems which failed to identify or tackle these errors," Mr Dobson told

The shortcomings paralleled those reported two weeks ago involving the cervical cancer screening service provided by the Kent and Canterbury NHS Trust, he said. "Cancer screening has two Changes to be introduced after health

service failed women patients, write

Ian Murray and Polly Newton

purposes: to identify patients who need treatment and to reassure patients who do not." he said. "The breast cancer screening service in Exeter and the cervical cancer screenng service in Canterbury both failed on both counts. They failed to ensure prompt treat-

ment for women with cancer. For other women with cancer they gave false reassur-ance and left thousands of other women not knowing one way or the other. They were a disgrace. And the failure to have in place a system which could identify promptly things that were going wrong and then put them right was also a



evidence of failure

He said the failures in the way the contracts for screening were purchased, the ineffectiveness of local management, the break down of arrangements for staff to report what was going on and the absence of effective quality surveillance were common to

"Many of the problems at both Exeter and Canterbury sprang from the shortcomings of the internal market. These included the absence of arrangements to secure high

and uniform standards for a cancer screening system which was supposed to be national; legal obstacles to intervening in the affairs of Trusts which are falling down on the job and staff not being able to speak their minds." In the light of the Exeter

report all NHS Trusts with breast cancer screening units are being told to review their arrangements to ensure they deliver a quality service. They must report the outcome of their reviews to the regional director of public health and the national co-ordinator of the breast screening pro-gramme by the end of Janu-ary. By March all trusts, health authorities and regional offices will have to have an action plan to ensure that all screening programmes meet national standards.

By April responsibility and resources for breast screening quality assurance will be restored to the NHS regional offices. They will be able to close down units which fail to

Ben Bradshaw, MP for Exeter, asked Mr Dobson for an assurance that the report had not been "watered down" because of the threat of legal action by the consultants named in it. Mr Dobson revealed that he had been forced to accept three minor changes after a challenge by Dr Brennan in the High Court last Friday. However, he insisted that they did not significantly alter the report's

John Maples, the Shadow Health Secretary, rejected Mr Dobson's accusation that the Tories' NHS reforms were partly to blame for the mistakes made in Exeter and Canterbury. He said that fault lay with the individual consultants, not the screening system itself or the workings of the NHS as a whole. "The report blames them quite clearly."



'Free Louise' protesters chant outside the court

DEMONSTRATORS gathered outside the Middlesex County Superior Court yesterday to call for Louise Woodward's conviction to be overturned.

One placard compared the case to the Salem witch trials. and another called for "IQ Tests for Jurors", as about 150 protesters chanted: "Free Louise, Free Louise. To the embarrassment of some, there was also a man whose placard bore the message: "Free Lou-ise, jail the mother."

Among the crowd was Dorothy McNamara, a nanny, wheeling her charge Ellery, aged 17 months. Ms McNamara wept as she said: "It's terrible. There's only 12 people in Massachusetts that think she's guilty, and that's

Debra Esposito, a house-wife from Malden, Massachusetts, also wined tears away as she said: "American justice is rotten to the core. I'm so, so flabbergasted."

In the background, woman bore a small, handwritten placard that said: "What about justice for baby Matthew?

Britain, ĪΠ Woodward's sister Vicky, 18, spoke of her gratitude to the thousands of people who have paign appeal, or sent mes-

sages of goodwill. She said: "On behalf of my mum, dad, sister and myself. I would like to thank everyone for their kind support. It has given us tremendous reassurance. I was overwhelmed by the calls and pledges. I am encouraged by the strength of feeling throughout the world as to my sister's innocence and I hope to see her back home where she belongs very soon."

Donations are estimated to have exceeded £125,000. The address of the Louise Woodward Appeal Fund is: Meadowbank, Ince Lane, Elton, Cheshire, CH2 4LX

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hague willing to let monetary rebels go

William Hague said yesterday that he was ready to accept more frontbench resignations over Europe rather than offer a confused message to voters. The Tory leader, campaigning in the Paisley South by-election, said he would prefer them to go now. "It is better to resign if they have a genuine disagreement with the party than if we tried to cover it up," he said. "I would rather people resigned so that we have a united team and so that we can get a clear message across to the country." His remarks seemed to dash the hopes of pro-Europeans that be might avoid a confrontation with them next week over the Bill ratifying the Amsterdam treaty. Meanwhile Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor, confirmed that Britain would gear its economic

policies towards joining a single currency. He said that in monetary and fiscal policy fields "we will be pursuing a parallel track to the Euro-land countries" before the situation was reviewed early in the next Parliament.

Neil Hamilton

A report (October 29) wrongly estimated that legal costs incurred by Neil Hamilton in connection with the Downey inquiry amounted to £50,000; in fact, the figure was very considerably less. We apologise to Mr Hamilton and his solicitor, Rupert Grey, for the error.

140,000 guns handed in

More than 142,000 handguns have been surrendered to the police following legislation banning the weapons in the wake of the Dunblane massacre. The total includes 116,000 larger calibre weapons which were banned by the Conservative government plus 26,000 .22 weapons handed in ahead of legislation currently going through parliament. The total is almost 60,000 short of the original estimates of the number of handguns in the UK.

Stansted hijack retrial

An Iraqi accused of plotting to hijack an airline to escape Saddam Hussein's regime faces a retrial after an Old Bailey jury was deadlocked. Last week the jury convicted six Iraqis of taking part in the hijack but expressed sympathy for their plight. Yesterday the jury returned to say they could not agree on Sabah Nagi, 29, a carpenter. The six will be sentenced tomorrow for seizing a Sudanese Airways Airbus which landed at Stansted airport, Essex, last year.

Labour election choice

Bob Hughes, a computer projects manager with BT, has been chosen as the Labour candidate to fight the Beckenham by-election caused by the resignation of Conservative Piers Merchant over allegations of an affair with a teenage girl. Mr Hughes, 39, who fought the seat at the general election, was the only candidate on a shortlist drawn up by Labour's centrally controlled by election panel. The poli will be held

Drug health warning

Doctors and diabetes sufferers are being warned that a new drug that went on the market in Britain last month can cause liver damage in a small number of patients. Glaxo Wellcome, which markets the drug as Romozin, has advised doctors to test patients using it regularly to check for any adverse reactions, the government is also planning to ban the sale of unpasteurised milk for drinking after receiving scientific advice that it could poison consumers.

Whale rescue in vain

A 45ft whale was found dead on the banks of an island in the Humber less than 24 hours after it was rescued from mud flats. Rescuers including firemen, the RSPCA and divers had spent eight hours refloating the minke whale on Sunday but it was spotted upturned on a mudbank yesterday. Sections of blubber and fin will be sent for analysis by marine experts in London to discover whether disease

Models dig heels in

Models have demanded that their legs are insured for the Clothes Show Live event after discovering that they would be required to wear stiletto shoes throughout the six-day fashion and beauty show in Birmingham next month. Gavin Brown, chief executive of Barker Brown, the organisers, said: "We are investigating the cost. I'm hoping that we will be able to afford it, as we value our models and

Press need not fear human rights Bill, says Irvine

By JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL REPORTER

PRESS freedoms will not be curbed by the Government's plans to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, the Lord Chancellor said yesterday. Lord Irvine of Lairg said he

understood the media's concerns, but insisted that press rights were in "the safe hands of British judges and with the judges of the European Court". He was speaking during the second reading debate in the House of

Lords of the Human Rights Bill which will formally enshrine human

rights in British law for the first time

in 300 years.

The Bill has provoked fears that lawyers and judges will use it to create a privacy law by the back door. Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, last weekend described the move as a "villain's charter" which would hinder legitimate press inquiry.

Buckingham Palace yesterday denied reports that Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's Private Secretary. planned to use the Bill to create a special privacy law for the Royal Family based on injunctions. The key concern of the media

centres on Article 8 of the Convention which guarantees an individual "the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence". Although this is balanced

by Article 10 which guarantees freedom of expression, there is no specific provision for the press. Lord Irvine told peers that the Government had no intention to introduce statutory privacy laws, but admitted that judges were likely to develop a common-law right of

privacy regardless of incorporation. The Government believes that strong and effective self-regulation is the best way forward in the interests

Lord Irvine said. He added: "I say as strongly as I can to the press, I understand your concerns but let me assure you that press freedom will be in safe hands

with our British judges and with the judges of the European Court."
He rejected claims that lawyers would use the new rights to seek injunctions to prevent the publication or broadcast of intrusive stories.

"I do not envisage the press going down to late Friday or Saturday privacy injunctions disruptive of publishing timetables, if the press have solid grounds for maintaining that there is a public interest in Lord Lester of Herne Hill, the

Liberal Democrat human rights lawyer, said Lord Wakeham's fears were unfounded. The Convention did not give an absolute right to either freedom of expression or of privacy. If an independent authority main-tained the "sensitive balance" be-tween free speech and personal privacy, "then the development of a right of privacy ... will not lead, normally, to judicial intervention against the media.".

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'Third meningitis death widens mass vaccination

Students at Southampton ask why action was not

taken earlier. Peter Foster and Ian Murray report

DOCTORS were struggling yesterday to contain the outbreak of meningitis at Southampton University, where three students have died within the past month. It is the worst such outbreak at a British university.

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More than 5,000 first-year students are being immu-nised, and up to 10,000 more will be vaccinated within the week. The mass immunisation follows the death of a third female student on Sunday

The easy way to check if someone with a rash could

have meningitis is to use "the glass test". Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical

Officer, said yesterday. Press

a clear, empty glass firmly against the rash and see if

the red or purplish discoloration fades. If it fails to fade,

then there is a danger that the

raish is a symptom of meningitis and a doctor should be

contacted at once. Meningi-

tis does not always cause a

include a pale or blotchy

skin, a high-pitched moaning

ing. In older children and

severe headache, vomiting, a

rash. In babies sympto

morning, four days after the university vaccinated more than 1,000 undergradumes in an attempt to stop the out-break. There have been three

The latest case has fuelled concerns that government guidelines on treating meningitis in universities, drawn up after two students died in an outbreak in Cardiff last year.

Quick diagnosis and treatment of the killer strains of

way to save lives of those who caught the disease, Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, said yester-day. Vaccinations provided far from perfect protection and could create a sense of false

emphasising the urgency of obtaining speedy medical help symptoms appeared, Sir Kenneth urged all parents and students to keep a close check on their children and friends to ensure that if they became ill they did not delay in consulting a doctor.

The campaign was planned during the summer, before the current outbreak at Southampton, because the illness peaks in the months leading up to Christmas. Tragically, it has come on a day another student has died, but that underlines how timely this warning is," Sir Kenneth said. "Meningitis can kill or dis-

who is studying to become a teacher, said: They had to wait for two people to die before starting to do anything. able very quickly, so if symptoms appear, get help. Students tend to take a paracetemol and go to bed early if they feel ill. If they have caught meningitis they could be dead the next morning, so friends should keep a close eye on anyone who says they are not feeling well."

Students at Southampton joining the queue for vaccination yesterday after the worst outbreak of meningitis at a British university quickly after the death of the first victim, Mellissa Irvine, on October II. Amy Harris, 21,

They should have vaccinated everybody from the start." The latest student to die was living in Gateley Hall, two miles from the Wessex Lane Halls where all the five other cases were found. This has led to fears that the outbreak might be spreading.

Thousands of parents have been ringing the university

switchboard asking for guid-ance on whether their children should go home. The university, keen to contain the outbreak, has been imploring students to stay on the campus, where the best medical attention is available.

Southampton Health Authority said it had drafted in 18 nurses from schools and health centres to help to administer the vaccine, which had been taken from local stocks. The bill for the programme could reach £150,000.

Howard Newby, South-ampton's Vice-Chancellor, told a news conference yesterday that everything practica-ble had been done. "After the first case, we acted quickly in accordance with the national guidelines and had done everything in our power,

including a massive information campaign." in communicable disease control at Southampton Health Authority, admitted that lives might have been saved: "If we had vaccinated everybody after the first case, it is likely that the outcome would have been different However, the

national guidelines are clear

added that the government body responsible for monitoring infectious diseases would be reviewing the guidelines after Southampton.

Under those guidelines, only those in immediate contact with a confirmed meningitis case are considered to be in need of antibiotics and immunisation. The vaccine, which works only for type C meningitis, is effective for only 80 per cent of cases and even then for a limited period.

It is the speed with which the illness strikes which has most scared the students at case, the girl was admitted to Southampton General Hospital on Thursday and kept under observation on a general ward. According to a hospital spokesman, she went to sleep normally on Saturday night but was found dead by

Sunday morning.

The parents of the first victim, Miss Irvine, who was found dead in her room on October 11, are supporting a fundraising effort in their daughter's name to install telephones on every floor of the university's accommodation buildings to make it easier



AND STEWART TENDLER

A WOMAN believed to be armed was shot by a police marksman after an attempted robbery and a high-speed chase. She was under guard in hospital last night after emergency surgery but is expected.

Forensic experts were examining a silver replica handgun capable of firing blanks or air pellets and an rounds. The weapons were found in a white van driven by the

Initial police reports say a marksman fired four times after the woman was seen to reach down in the van to a door compartment where police believed she was keeping a gun. She was hit in the groin, shoulder and hand, and is reported still to have tried to drive away, crashing into a tree and

Yard's dozen armed response vehicles has been involved in wounding

The incident began when a woman, aged 31, pulled up by a pedestrian on Sunday night in Gants Hill, near Ilford, Essex. She asked for directions. Then, it is claimed, as the man walked on she. pulled up again and leaned out of . the passenger side with a gun to demand his bag. He refused, escaped and raised the alarm.

a patrol and an armed response vehicle was called in. The van was cornered in a cul de sac in Chadwell Heath, after a three-mile chase involving six police vehicles. A police van tried to block the Transit, which then started to reverse repeatedly into it and drive

towards officers Police sources say officers kept calling on the driver to stop but she was seen to grin and reach towards the door. A marksman shot, her with a Heckler and Kock carbine. 3of England vicus, said he saw one in put shots in quick succession and I robbery.

A reolica weapon was later found in the door compartment of the van. The pistol was behind the seat and had been fired a number of times. The sixth chamber was loaded. After she was wounded officers claimed she was laughing as she received first aid treatment. A 15-year-old schoolboy who witnessed the shooting from his

garden gate six metres away said he saw police open fire. ... Sam Tarry, the son of a Church

shot fired through the van's windscreen by one officer who looked as to get caught in gunfire." Sam ran to a bedroom window if he might be mown down when the driver attempted to turn the and heard a "massive crunch" as vehicle round to escape from the the car hit the wall of the house cul-de-sac. Sam, a pupil at St opposite. "A woman had cuffs on Edward's Church of England and was spreadeagled on her face School, Romford, said: "The van in the road. She was conscious. She

was revving up and the wheels, were turning. Then suddenly a

police officer standing there just

shot. I think he thought the van

was going to run him over. I heard

what was around her. There was a lot of blood on the road." A woman was last night arrested on a charge of attempted

looked as if she was trying to see

of racial bias | was his mugger

By JOANNA BALE

HARRODS was described as malicious and dishonest yesterday as a black florist was awarded £16,500 compensation for being rejected from a job on racial grounds.

Gillian Elmi, 29, was falsely accused of being unclean and having untamed hair by the London store as an excuse not to employ her, an industrial tribunal was told. Harrods also claimed she had "unpolished speech," the wrong image and knew little about the

She won her case for racial discrimination after claiming that management simply did not want a black face on the shop floor. Ian Lamb, the chairman of an industrial tribunal at Croydon, South London, said yesterday: There was an act of blatant racial discrimination by a very senior personnel officer.

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There was lying and deceit on the part of Harrods personnel to conceal that act. There was dishonest testimony by Harrods personnel. There was a humiliating counter-attack, where she was described as unclean and unkempt.

"It was part of the malicious way in which the Harrods

personnel decided to contest the complaint. There has been no apology." Ms Elmi, of North London, applied for a job with the store in January

During a lengthy legal battle, Harrods used a string of excuses for its decision, accusing the florist of having un-

tamed hair and being unclean. The tribunal panel yester-day ruled Ms Elmi was entitled to £16,500. It awarded £7,500 for aggravated damages and another £7,500 for

injury to feelings.
A further £1,500 was awarded as compensation for loss of carnings. With other extras, including interest, the figure is expected to rise to £20,000. Ms Elmi declined to

comment.

| Kevin Ratcliffe, the Chester City manager and former Welsh international footballer, yesterday admitted to a Liverpool tribunal that he had racially abused an 18-year-old black player, James Hussaney, who was trying to become a professional with the third division club. He denied releasing the trainee for racist reasons. The tribu-

Harrods guilty Doctor's patient

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A CASUALTY doctor treating the victim of a street fight recognised him as the mugger who had robbed him at knifepoint months earlier. Yesterday the 21-year-old attacker

was jailed for six years. Karl Telemaque, a crack cocaine addict, had cornered James Moore in a nightclub and threatened to stab him unless he handed over his money. The next time they met was when Dr Moore, 28, was on duty at Cardiff Royal Infirmary on a busy Saturday

A patient was brought in after a street fight. James Sprunks, for the prosecution, told Cardiff Crown Court that Dr Moore "immediately recognised him as the man who had robbed him five months earlier. Telemaque had es-caped arrest at the time and had been wanted for some time in connection with other offences. Dr Moore contacted the police immediately and pointed Telemaque out."

In the first incident. Dr Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London, had been with friends at the Escape nightclub in Cardiff city

centre. Mr Sprunks said: Telemaque was aggressive to the doctor and followed him around the nightclub. When he cornered him alone, he told Dr Moore that he had a blade and demanded cash. Dr Moore was so frightened that he handed over £10." Door-

mugger but he escaped. Telemaque, of Ely, Cardiff. admitted the robbery and eight other offences, including theft, criminal damage, receiving stolen goods, drink-driving, stealing a woman's handbag and threatening her with a knife.

The court was told that he was addicted to crack cocaine and stole to feed his habit. Jeremy Jenkins, representing Telemaque, said: "He is an abuser of alcohol and hard drugs but he is making efforts to fight his addiction."

Telemaque has previous convictions stretching back seven years, including assault, theft and kidnapping. Judge John Prosser told him: "You are a danger to the public. Dr Moore will remember your face for a very, very long time. He must have been petrified

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Jelly wobbles as Britain's tastes in puddings break the mould

BY ROBIN YOUNG

JELLY is slowly sliding off the menu. Once the favourite British dessert, sales are now distinctly wobbly. The collapse of the jelly set is despite the fact that Britons are eating more desserts than ever, with sales worth 180 a second.

latest figures show. The biggest gains have been made by new favourites such as fromage frais and chilled or potted desserts, such as mousses and cheesecakes. The only falls in sales since 1992 have been those of canned and dehydrated desserts and jelly, down from £37 million a year to E32 million, according to the industry

analysts, Datamonitor. The trend is the latest in the rise and fall of jellies, from royal favourite to children's party dish. The earliest

recorded English cookery book, a 10th arrived by combining the two methods century Anglo-Saxon medicinal compilation, included recipes for jellies made from boiled meat, fish, bones and fruit, boiled and strained to set through a

combination of sugars and pectin.

The word "jelly" derives from the Middle English geli and the Latin gelare, to freeze or congeal. Americans nicknamed it "nervous pudding". The French called savoury jelly "aspic" because it was cold and slippery, like an asp, and delivered a vinegar bite.

By the time of Henry VII, jelly's popularity in court circles had earned it the title "the food of kings". By the 1760s, isinglass had been introduced as a setting agent, enabling cooks to make iellies stiff enough to be turned into elaborate moulds. In the 19th century, mass production

of jelly-making. Animal jelly was easily soluble and easy to set, while fruit jellies were rich and various in flavour. Fruit flavours were put into jellies made from animal sources, creating gelatin powders or fruit-flavoured pastilles. Jellies became a dramatic highspot of desserts, and the Duke of ington had more than 500 moulds. Nestle Rowntree, which dominates

the market, first sold jelly in 1923, marketing ten flavours in tablet form. The concentrated cube arrived in 1932. The company still markets 14 tablet flavours and six ready-to-eat flavours. Natural jellies, made without gelatin, continue to be a feature of haute cuisine. Despite the popularity slump, Britain is still eating 3,100 tonnes of

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THE EFFECTS OF A PACK OF TWENTY ON AN EXPECTANT MOTHER.



It's a disgusting habit. But one that fox hunters seem loath to give up.

In an average year, they get through around 20,000 cubs. dog-foxes and vixens.

Even heavily pregnant vixens are considered fair game.

Selective with the truth, some fox hunters maintain there is no cruelty.

Post-mortem examinations of foxes savaged

by hounds prove otherwise.

Typical findings include, "Extensive wounds to abdomen and thorax." "intestines hanging out" and "death caused by pathological shock."

A 'quick nip to the neck' it isn't.

Foxes that manage to go to ground during a hunt face a terrifying and protracted ordeal.

Escape routes are blocked, and terriers sent in to corner their prey.

The ensuing underground battle is nasty and brutish. It is not short.

The fox may well die underground, fighting for its life. (The terriers also sustain injuries.)

If it's still alive, the hunters' digging will expose it. The best the poor creature can hope for now is a gunshot.

Those animals that escape the hunt don't necessarily escape the suffering.

The stress and exertion of the chase is traumatic beyond imagination.

This, the fox hunters insist, is sport.

71% of the British people disagree. They think hunting with dogs should be banned (MORI).

Don't be passive.

Please write to your MP. Ensure that on 28th November he or she supports Michael Foster's

Private Member's bill to ban hunting with dogs.



Make sure your MP opposes hunting with dogs on November 28th. For more information call IFAW on 0800 10 60 90.

Life for killer whose trail led police to India

A WEALTHY market trader was yesterday jailed for life for the murder of his wife after an investigation that took detectives from Wiltshire to the

Mohan Singh Kular, 46. killed his second wife, Ninderjit, ten years ago during a second honeymoon to India, shortly after he had insured her life for £800,000. Kular, who owned two shops and half a dozen houses in Swindon, was the first person this century to be prosecuted under the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, which allowed him to stand a prial in England for crimes

Frommitted abroad.

Having found Kular guilty of killing his wife, the jury at Bristol Crown Court was discharged after failing to reach a verdict on a second charge of

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

murdering Baksho Kaur Hans, 29, his first commonlaw, wife and business partner, in almost identical circumstances in 1981. The Crown Prosecution Service has five days to decide wheth-

er to request a retrial.

Knlar, who offered no defence during his four-week trial, looked on impassively as Mr Justice Toulson sentenced him to life imprisonment.

him to life imprisonment.

The judge told him: "You murdered your wife and fabricated explanations about what happened to her. You believed by murdering her in the Punjab you would get away with your crime. Ten years later justice has been done."

The court heard how Mrs
Kular was strangled with her
own scarf and thrown from a
speeding car. Kular then paid
officials to release her body

quickly for cremation before telling her family and friends of her death. Kular claimed she had been

killed by a hit-and-run driver but later confessed to a friend after a drinking session. He told Paramjit Singh Gill:

"You know my wife always gave me pain — I finished that pain. Don't tell anyone else. I killed her. Two people helped me, using a scarf. We picked her up and threw her out of the car to try to make it look like a real accident."

The investigation began in 1994 when Kular complained to Wiltshire police that two men had robbed him of £1,000. During questioning the men, who denied robbery, each claimed that Kular was involved in the murders of two women in India. The allegation, together with suspicions





Ninderjit, left, her husband Mohan Singh Kular, and Baksho Kaur Hans, whom he was also accused of murdering on a trip to India in 1981

over the enormous insurance claim, led to a two-year investigation which took eight British officers to the Punjab for a total of 16 weeks.

Detective Chief Inspector Gerry Luckett, 45, who described Kular as a "coldblooded killer", said: "It was an extremely complex investigation. We had language and cultural differences. We were going into an unknown area, another country. We had to go in with a special permit because it was so dangerous. It was the perfect back-drop to his murders.

"We were escorted by a truckful of armed Punjabi offi-

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cers with automatic weapons.

After Kular's arrest in November 1995, we were more than happy to cut down our escort to two unarmed officers."

es, including one of Kular's accomplices, into court to give evidence was just one of the logistical problems which needed to be overcome.

Kular never answered a single question posed by Wilt-shire detectives throughout his two years in custody.

Getting 30 Indian witness-

victed of drug trafficking, and Harbhajan Singh Kular, who was trying to seek political asylum in this country. It was not an easy task.

"For the others, some of them hadn't been out of their village or even seen a train... We more or less had to take them by the hand."

MPs want fast track to top for best teachers

TEACHERS should lose their automatic annual pay rise as the Government tries to change the culture of the profession and stave off a recruitment crisis, an all-party committee of MPs said yesterday.

Higher A-level grades for trainees and a "fast stream" to headship were also part of the package the MPs said were needed to make teaching more attractive to high-flyers.

Training colleges and teacher unions yesterday said such measures would have the opposite effect on recruitment, which is at crisis levels in subjects including mathematics and modern languages.

But Margaret Hodge, chairman of the Commons Education and Employment Committee, said the advertising
campaign launched last
month by the Teacher Training Agency was not enough.
"We are saying the culture

of the profession needs to change if we are to attract the right people the profession and the children need, "Mrs. Hodge said at the launch of the committee's report, Teacher Recruitment: What Can Be Done?

Teachers currently receive an automatic annual salary rise for their first eight years, above the rate of inflation. Once they have reached the top of the pay scale they earn more through promotion or extra responsibility.

Mrs Hodge said: "Should teachers simply be rewarded Automatic pay rises should be ended by 'culture

change', reports

David Charter

for length of service? I hope the Government, through its appraisal system, will be looking at other ways of rewarding the best trachers."

best teachers."

The committee said pay for teachers was not the critical issue. Comparisons by the OECD showed starting rates in Britain were only bettered in Ireland, Spain and Portugal

Portugal.

The committee prosposed raising the minimum entry standards for teacher-training courses to three grade Cs at A level, from the present average of two Ds and a C. High-calibre graduates should also be wooed into teaching with the promise of a "fast stream" to headship via Civil Service-style exams.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said many of the proposals seemed designed to put people off teaching. "Scrapping annual increments is an old idea that has been exhaustively considered and decisively rejected." he said.



Head quits after report backs pupil

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

A HEAD teacher who expelled a teenage girl for criticising her school in a local newspaper has resigned after a critical report by inspectors, it was disclosed yesterday.

Queen Elizabeth's School, in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, made national news in July, when Sarah Briggs was expelled after refusing to apologise for her part in an anonymous letter claiming that poor teaching was jeopardising pupils GCSE chances. The governors later relented under pressure from ministers and local authority

officials.

The 15-year-old pupil complained that persistent absenticeism by staff had led to her being taught by a series of supply teachers. The National Union of Teachers blamed the "high-pressure management style" of Nicola Atkin, the head teacher, for the

bsences. The governors asked Nottinghamshire to investigate when teachers at the comprehensive passed a unanimous vote of no confidence in Mrs Atkin. The Office for Standards in Education sent a team of inspectors whose report has yet to be published. There was further unrest before the start of term when NUT members claimed the imetable was unworkable.

Although its inspectors' report will not be published until next week, the local authority said yesterday that serious weaknesses had been uncovered throughout the school. The report is expected to criticise top-heavy management and poor teaching.

Mrs Atkin said yesterday she had resigned because the school needed a fresh start after adverse publicity. John Round, a 51-year-old inspector, who was not involved in the report on Queen Elizabeth's, has taken over as acting head to talk at 300 kilometres per Irottalk.

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Stores charter aircraft to beat lorry blockade

SUPERMARKETS have drawn up an array of contin-gency plans, including chartering aircraft, in an attempt to avoid food shortages caused by the French lorry

Many have already stocked up on non-perishable goods. including wine, and most major superstores have rerouted their lorries and are on standby with chartered ferries to circumvent the strike action.

However, smaller and independent retailers are likely to suffer, Doug Henderson, chief executive of the Fresh Produce Consortium. said. "Supermarkets are in a better position to plan and organise their supplies but wholesale markets and independent retailers, because they are more fragmented, are less able to respond and their supplies will be hit harder." he said.

Sainsbury's has chartered container ships to bring Spanish fruit and vegetables into Britain. "We are using ferries from Bilbao and have more ready if necessary. We also have a train available from Spain to London if Supermarkets reroute drivers across

Europe to avoid food shortages caused

by strike, reports Kathryn Knight

spokesman said.

Ar Safeway, a spokesman said it had brought in extra supplies during the weekend and expected to be able to cope with the strike by rerouting its

Producers of Beaujolais Nouveau were given special permission to export bottles early in case the strike overshadowed the launch on November 20. Cases of the wine have already been shipped to Britain and other

European countries. Meanwhile haulage companies were trying numerous detours to avoid the barricades, including a 24-hour overnight journey from Plym-Spain. Drivers said their firms were already counting the cost of the action after only a few

hours, with many keeping their vehicles at home yesterday. Some had been involved in a last-minute scramble to get their vehicles out of France at the end of last week.

At Dover port yesterday, only 100 lorries departed compared to the usual 800. P&O diverted its freight services from Calais to Zeebrugge, and laid on extra crossings; Sea France diverted its two freight services to Ostend. The strike action has also

forced Oasis to cancel three French concerts after the band's equipment was stranded in Lille. A spokesman for Creation records said the band had been scheduled to perform in Paris tonight. They are very disappointed but there's nothing they can do. They hope to reschedule,"

At Dover, where ferries

Zeebrugge to avoid the blockade, Kent police said they were ready to implement Operation Stack at any point, particularly during the next two days, the busiest time of the week. Sections of the MZO will be closed to allow the lorries to queue and filter through to Dover in groups of about 20, should there be congestion.

Stephen Norris, directorgeneral of the Road Haulage Association, said the strike would give renewed impetus to the battle for compensation from the French Government that was still outstanding from last year's action.

However, he admitted that he was pessimistic about the chances of recovering the full amount of claims. The French Government effectively admitted liability and then reneged on that. Only a handful of firms have been compensated, and with a minimal amount," he said. ☐ The French Foreign Minis-

try has set up a Website to give information about road dis-



A lorry driver by a queue of trucks blocking a motorway east of Paris yesterday. Police did not intervene

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Freight frozen as French take to barricades Adrian Lee finds

six lorry drivers

stopping Calais's

daily traffic of

7,500 vehicles

Nicky, 20, is emigrating next week. Mr Boocock said he

would head for Belgium to try

to get home. But the Road

Haulage Association later reported that many drivers were

caught in the Ghyvelde corri-dor near the border.

its members money, and some had decided not to

travel at all.

The association said the closure of Calais was costing

"The ferry companies are

being held to ransom," said a

saying that if the ferries try to

bring freight into Calais, they

will begin to target passenger

David Green, director-gen-

eral of the Freight Transport Association, called on the

French authorities to end the

There were reports of block-

ades right along the northern

French coast. At Boulogne,

English drivers who arrived

from Dover on Sunday night

were forced to return home

yesterday. Le Havre and Caen

Calais blockade.

SEX French lorry drivers haddled around a brazier brought freight traffic to a standstill in

Calais yesterday. The Calais blockade, one of about 120 across France, consisted of a few wooden pallets and three spiked devices on the ground. But it was enough to stop the 7,500 lorries that normally pass through the

terminal every day.

As police moved in to end similar blockades on the Spanish and German borders, there was no sign of any Calais, or the other northern

British drivers, facing detours to Belgium, and their trade organisation called for the French authorities to step in. But there were only handshakes between police and strikers led, at Calais, by Philippe Ralt, a veteran of last year's 12-day blockade.

Ferry companies diverted all freight traffic away from Calais to Zeebrugge in Belgium. Yesterday morning, just two British lorries arrived at the normally bustling French port.

Allen Boocock, one of the drivers, said: "I have no sympathy for the French drivers. If this happened in England they would be thrown in jail. They are stopping me from doing an honest day's work for an honest day's pay." The 54-year-old,

Keighley, west Yorkshire, had driven for two days from Milan to try to beat the strike. One of his daughters, Donna. 23, is getting married at the

were also barricaded, although freight was getting through the Channel Tunnel. On the Calais picket line, M. Ralt, a driver from Lille, said: "We don't want any conflict. If the authorities ask us to move, we will go somewhere else."
Dubbed "Red Philippe" last
year, he said: "I am not a
terrorist. I drive in England most weeks, and many British drivers are my friends. I was

£4.50 an hour we get £3.50-That is why we are here." Asked how long the blockade might last, M Ralt shrugged his shoulders and said. I don't know. Perhaps. said: "I don't knot two or three weeks maximum. The Government will give in the studies because there

at a lorry depot in Runcorn recently where they are paid



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Hospital on Merseyside allowed an eight-year-old girl to play unsupervised with a sex offender and turned a blind eye to drugs and hardcore pornography rings,

John Royce, QC, counsel to the inquiry, said the allegations made by a former inmate who absconded last year had been substantiated by an in-

The public inquiry, set up in February by Stephen Dorrell, then Health Secretary, into the hospital's 115-patient personality disorder unit, opened in London yesterday. It followed allegations by Stephen Daggent a convicted sex offender, that drugs and pornography were freely available, security and searches were cursory and that paedophile activity within the unit was common-

Daggett absconded from Ashworth last year while on a shopping trip with a nurse. He withdrew £1,500 and travelled to Belgium and Holland, calling the hospital from a bar in Amsterdam. He claims he ran away to draw attention to failings at Ashworth. Mr Royce told the inquiry. On his return. Daggett was transferred to Rampton Special

An internal inquiry into the claims, chaired by Stephen A public inquiry

has been told

lax attitudes gave

patients control,

reports Mark Henderson

Keown, rehabilitation services manager, found that the eightpatient who was involved in smuggling pomographic videotapes into the hospital had been left alone with a convict-ed sex offender. Mr Royce said the internal inquiry had been unable to confirm whether she had been abused.

Mr Keown's report found evidence of regular drug use. hardcore pornography and a cavalier attitude to security. Mr Royce said. One patient had a high-quality video recorder used for copying pornohad linked four video recorders in his room without being challenged. A search of the shop on Lawrence ward found 41 hardcore pornographic videos, and a search of patients' rooms uncovered 831 tapes. 225 from one patient. Most were blank, but a power surge

after the shop search suggest-

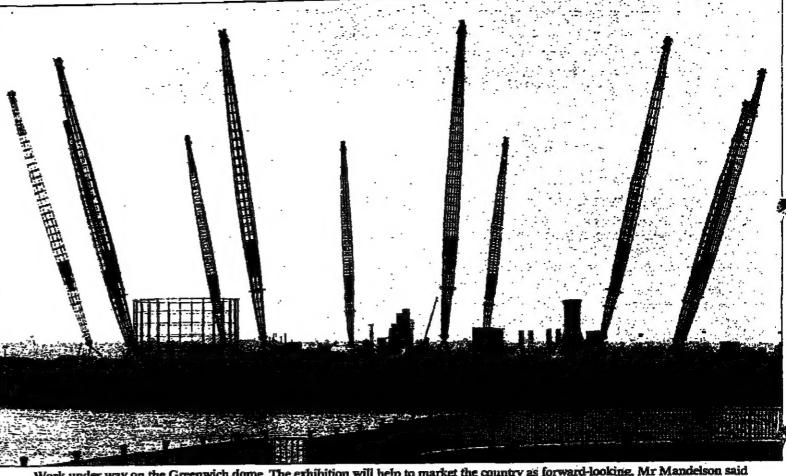
ed they had been hastily wiped, Mr Royce said.

Observation windows in bedrooms and lavatories were shielded with curtains and room searches were perfunc-tory. One nurse would borrow a pornographic magazine in return for saying that he had searched a patient's room, the inquiry was told. Patients were often able to get access to illicit cash, and one was discovered running three busi-nesses from his room, including a travel company.

Mr Royce told the inquiry that a trusting attitude to patients had allowed them to manipulate the rules. "The patients had gained such control that their empowerment was anti-therapeutic. It is a woeful tale and it should not have been allowed to happen."

The hospital had failed to learn the lessons of previous inquiries into two murders of patients and the taking hostage of a psychologist. "Recimplemented, report after report after report," he said. Serious questions need to be asked of how this state of affairs arose and why it was allowed to continue."

A previous public inquiry chaired by Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, found evidence of sex, drug-taking and cruelty to patients. This inquiry, chaired by Peter Fallon, QC, a retired



Work under way on the Greenwich dome. The exhibition will help to market the country as forward-looking, Mr Mandelson said

'worth £1bn for rebranded Britain

THE Millennium Exhibition in Greenwich will contribute up to El billion to the economy and help to modernise the nation's image, Peter Mandelson said yesterday. At a Design Council conference titled Does Britain need a new identity?, the Minister without Portfolio said that the country needed to shift "from defining ourselves by our past to defining ourselves by our future".

The New Millennium Experience would attract more than 12 million

2000, he forecast, of whom more than two million would be tourists. "All of them will go home with an exciting and enticing story to tell about the new Britain. And they will make a massive contribution to Britain's economy, a halo in terms of the marketing of Britain that could be worth up to

The dome will stand as an international testament to our nation's standing - modern, fair and strong - in the contemporary world as well as to the quality of British design and ingenuity." Mr Mandelson, the minister responsible for the project, said that Britain's new identity should be that of a forward-looking nation still cherishing its traditions. He added: "No one should doubt the role that the monarchy can play in refashioning Britain's brand image. It, too, is modernising itself for the 21st century and becoming potent symbol of Britain's new

identity."

Geoff Mulgan, director of the inde-pendent think-tank Demos, said the

"rebranding" of Britain was urgent. and that a positive, easily-recognisable brand image could give added value to a country as well as a company.

Lord Peyton of Yeovil, a Tory peer. told the Lords that the Millennium dome was "a massive monument to the conceit and vanity of those who conceived it," and he was surprised that Labour had decided to continue with the idea which originated under the previous Government.

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Millennium fund offers, £15m to good citizens

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE Millennium Commission will announce today that £15 million of National Lottery money is to be given to ordinary people to do ordinary things". The commission wants to focus attention on humbler projects to reduce controversy over the Millennium Dome.

Media and Sport Secretary, will announce that 14 charities are to be made Award Partners and will run schemes to help individuals with work in their communities.

The Pre-School Learning Alliance will receive almost £2.8 million to encourage parents and grandparents to work on learning projects with children and Age Concern will get £2.2 million to help those over 50 work with young people. The British Council will be given more than £2 million to send young adults abroad for a project that will be of local benefit

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Smith: enlisting charities to manage local projects

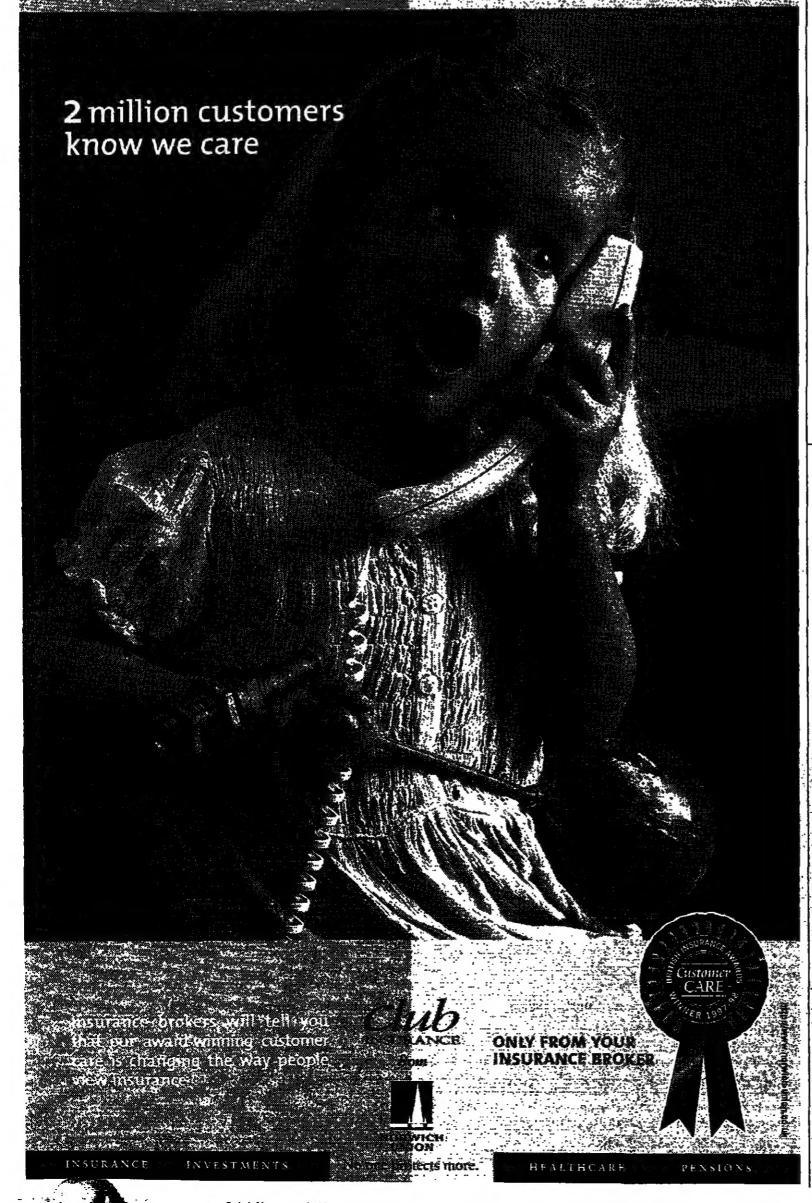
when they return home. The awards are part of a £100 million scheme to sponsor indi-viduals over the next three years. A further £100 million will be put into a permanent fund for the future. The first Award Partners, including The Prince's Trust, were announced last year. Lord Dalkeith, chairman of

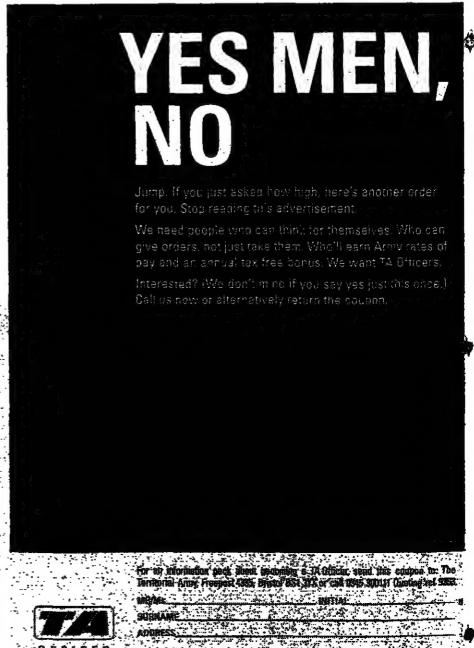
the Awards Committee, said that this year's theme was

active citizenship: "We think that enabling ordinary people to do ordinary things is in the spirit of the millennium celebrations. People of whatever ability will be able to improve themselves and put something back into their community.

Mr Smith said: "The Millennium Commission is committed to offering communities the chance for rejuvenation and a vision for the future, through investing in people of all ages, back-grounds and abilities." The other Award Partnerth

who will distribute cash about 5.500 individuals, are Community Service Volunteers, Peabody Trust, Scarman Trust, Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust. Quest Trust, Northern Ireland Environment Link, Suffolk Acre, Tower Hamlets Summer University, British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres, Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, and Voluntary Action Cumbria.





Clarks heiress injured in hand grenade attack

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE daughter of the chair-man of Clarks Shoes narrowly escaped death after a hand grenade was thrown into her room in a backpackers' hostel in Uganda and exploded, badly injuring her legs.

Cato Pedder, 24, who was writing her diary when the attack happened, is recovering in a private hospital in Kampala after surgery to remove the shrapnel. She had been travelling with her South Afri-can boyfriend Peter Novosad.

Her mother, Sibella, was last night preparing to fly to Uganda after talking to her daughter by telephone from the family home in Haslemere, Surrey.

She said: "Everyone had settled down for an evening

drink when suddenly a man threw a hand grenade into the room. Cato told me it bounced under the bench she was sitting on and blew up within one metre of her.

"Luckily the bench protected her but both her legs were terribly badly hurt. The doc-

will make a recovery although she did lose a lot of blood. When you think how close that grenade landed to her, it is miraculous she is still alive." A spokeswoman for the Kololo Hospital said Miss

Pedder was in a comfortable dergoing further surgery. Miss Pedder was backpack

ing across Africa after spend-ing 2½ years working in South Africa as a journalist and charity worker. A spokesman for the British High Commission in Kampa la said police had not made

"strong indications" that the attacker was not specifically targeting tourists.
Miss Pedder's father, Roge

is the chairman of C&J Clark, lion windfall to shareholders earlier this year. The average payout for family members who own 70 per cent of the shares — was £93,000. The Pedders have four other children - two girls and two boys



ports its findings today to John

ter. It said the company had

failed to examine other op-tions. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is also

opposing the move.
A Water Services Associ-

ation spokesman said: The water companies are taking

every possible action to ensure

"However, the situation next summer depends largely on rainfall levels in the winter,

which is the traditional time

for the recharging of water

supplies.
The WSA member com-panies have already reduced losses from leakage by more than 460 million litres (100

million gallons) a day over the

last year alone. There has also

been massive investment in leak detection and repair and

on mains rehabilitation and

replacement programmes".

Prescott, the Environment Secretary, said: Continued low groundwater levels next summer would also mean

reduced water levels in wet-

lands and rivers." This could adversely affect "breeding grounds and habitat for birds,

fish and aquatic plants".

sued drought warnings yester-day after a survey showed that the past 30 months have been

the driest on record.

It urged households, especially in the South, South East and East Anglia, to conserve resources for next summer.

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The agency said that water companies should refine their contingency plans, maintain initiatives encouraging customers to reduce demand for water, and continue programmes to reduce leaks. Otherwise it said widespread hosepipe bans were likely. A spokesman for the Envinment Agency, which re-

RAINFALL AND GROUNDWATER LEVELS

arly serious in the South East, with the Tharnes Valley miss-ing the equivalent of nearly six months' winter rainfall. Groundwater levels in some parts of the South East and East Anglia ... are still fail-

ing," the agency said.

The report is based on figures supplied by the Institute of Hydrology, and show that, despite a wet summer in 1997 in many areas, rainfall levels between April 1995 and September 1997 were well below average. The only area which had above average rainfall was northeast Scot land, where levels were 102 per cent of normal.

Across the rest of the country, rainfall over the 30 months has been 20 to 15 per cent below average in many areas. Hosepipe bans may be necessary in some of these areas next summer, particu-larly if rainfall is below 75 per cent of normal this winter.

The agency's director of Mance, said: The South East will face a very difficult sum-mer next year if we do not get at least 75 per cent of normal winter rainfall."

Yesterday the agency said it was objecting to a drought order application by Anglian



Cato Pedder suffered severe leg injuries after the attack near Kampala, Uganda

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Fluoride loophole 'hurting children'

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

Britain suffer seven times. more tooth decay than in others, figures issued yesterday show.

The inequalities could be eliminated by water fluoridation, a group of medical and voluntary agencies said at a meeting at the House of

The alliance, which includes the British Dental Association and the British Medical Association, wants a change in the iaw to compel water companies to fluoridate water if the local health authority re-

Fluoridation Act was ambiguously drafted, leaving water companies sufficient discretion to refuse and new schemes have dried up.

Only 10 per cent of Britain shows that seven of the top ten districts for healthy teeth are in the West Midlands, which is fluoridated. The average five-year-old in Bromsgrove and Redditch has 0.54 decayed, missing or filled teeth, compared with 3.96 in north





Saboteurs warn of extremism over hunting ban delay

HUNT saboteurs threatened to step up their activities yesterday after the Government announced that it would not find time for a Private Member's Bill to ban forhunting.

foxhunting.

A Downing Street spokesman said the Government had a busy legislative programme and would not disrupt it for Michael Foster's Bill, which is being published tomorrow. The announcement confirms earlier briefings.

Paul Gammon, spokesman for the Hunt Saboteurs, said that the decision would give hunt saboteurs even more justification for disrupting foxhunts. "We expect our activities to increase enormously if the Bill is suppressed or delayed, because people won't stand for it and that is the last thing police forces need. Any delay on this legislation opens the doors from extremists on both sides."

Animal welfare campaigners refused to be daunted by Downing Street's announcement. The Campaign for the Protection of Hunted Animals insisted that the Government could still be persuaded to change its mind if enough MPs supported the Bill at its second reading on November 20

Kare Parminter, a spokeswoman for the campaign, said: "We still believe it offers the best chance to end the Jill Sherman on

the Government's

lack of support for a bid to curb

blood sports

cruel and unnecessary sports of hunting with dogs. This is a piece of private legislation, not a government Bill. It is the wore at the second reading on November 28 which counts."

MPs will be given a free vote on the second reading of Mr Foster's Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill

Foster's Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill. Tony Blair, who is in favour of a ban on hunting, will vote for the Bill, according to his aides. But the Bill is expected to be blocked after the second reading because the Government will not allow the necessary time for debate for it to get through its Commons stages.

Downing Street strenuously denied reports at the weekend that business managers might have to make time for the Bill if enough MPs vote in favour of it. However, they did not rule out anti-hunting legislation before the next general election.

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Mr Blair wants to avoid an embarrassing showdown in the Lords where the heredi-

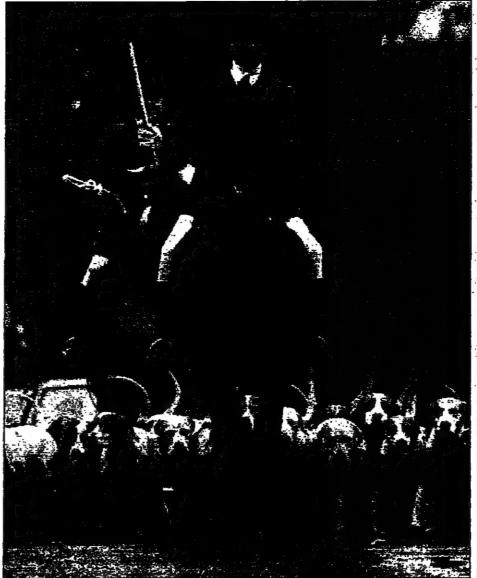
tary peers would be likely to turn out en masse to oppose the Bill. He is also concerned about the strength of public opinion in rural communities. by The pro-hunting lobby has attracted huge support for rallies, including one in Hyde Park attended by 100,000 people this summer.

people this summer.

But according to a MORI poll to be published today, voters in rural areas support a ban on hunting by a margin of almost two to one. Several members of the Cabinet are also in favour of imposing a ban, which is long-standing party policy, and it is likely that legislation will be introduced later in this Parliament. A survey last week showed that almost 75 per cent of Labour's 402 MPs, including Il Cabinet ministers who responded, backed the Bill.

One option is to delay legislation until Labour has introduced its reform of the House of Lords and removed the voting rights of hereditary peers. Another is to include the ban on foxhunting as a single clause in a government Bill that commanded cross-party support.

Mr Foster's Bill would impose maximum six-month jail sentences and fines of up to £5,000 for huntsmen and anyone who allowed hunting on their land. But the Labour MP for Worcester has emphasised that first-time offenders would



The hunt goes on: opponents of the sport are likely to be kept waiting for a ban

not be likely to face the maximum penalty.

Country sports campaigners say that banning hunting would risk thousands of jobs, including those of kennel maids, stablehands and blacksmiths, and open the door to

halting falconry and angling.
Janet George of the British
Field Sports Society said the
Bill would fail if it reached the
Lords, where it would face
strong opposition from landowning peers. She said the
measure was ludicrous and

MPs reject peers' changes

to gun law

THE Government cleared the way last night for a total ban on handguns as MPs blocked an attempt by the Lords to exempt certain sportsmen.

Peers voted last month to

Peers voted last month to allow disabled shooters to continue using small-calibre handguns and to permit target training for international competitors at approved centres. But their amendments to the Firearms Bill, which was introduced after the Dunblane killings, were overturned.

Alun Michael, the Home Office Minister, said the Government did not believe that disabled shooters would pose a threat, but their weapons could be stolen by others.

The Lords amendment on the disabled was overturned by 291 votes to 155. The one on international competitors was defeated by 292 votes to 160. Tories could learn from Labour's past

WILLIAM HAGUE appears to be welcoming, rather than avoiding, the deep split which has developed within the Tory party over the single currency. The language from the Hague camp is increasingly bellicose since a row over Europe is probably inevitable, it is better to get it out of the way now, in the first year of the Parliament.

That is the only way to read the leadership's response to recent events and Mr Hague's own comments in Paisley last night. "I would rather people resigned so that we have a united team, and so we can get a clear message across to the country. I want to sort this thing out now and not in a few years time."

No one disputes that the Tory party is deeply divided on monetary union, nor that a clear majority both of the parliamentary party and of Tory members back Mr Hague's opposition to British entry. The question is more one of party management. Could the current civil war have been avoided?

It is tempting, but usually misleading, to believe that such bust-ups are carefully planned. But what we have seen in the past ten days is more a release of pent-up tensions. The resignations of Ian Taylor and David Curry, and the intervention of Michael Heseltine on the Today programme last Thursday, were not coordinated. They were individual decisions. The difference from the past is that pro-Europeans publicly backed up their colleagues.

The leadership approach
— at least since the Shadow
Cabinet line was firmed up
12 days ago — has been
uncompromising. Just as
Mr Heseltine and Kenneth
Clarke have dropped their
previous coded language, so
the Hague camp has not
attempted to build bridges.
For instance, it would not be
hard to devise a formula to
avoid a split over the second
reading next week of the Bill
implementing the Amsterdam treaty — via a reasoned
amendment regretting the
Government's decision to
sign up to the social chapter.
Most of the pro-Europeans
would happily back this

Hague's aides have been sounding deliberately confrontational, almost daring more frontbenchers to resign in the hope of purging the party of the pro-Europeans.

Europeans.

The underlying strategy is not just to have a row now but also to marginalise the pro-Europeans (dismissing them as ageing has-beens) ahead of fighting the next general election on a savethe-pound platform.

Leaving aside doubts about the wisdom of decid-

ing such a policy so early in a Parliament, it has seldom made sense for leaders to pick a fight in this way. Neil Kinnock's battles with Militant in Liverpool and Tony Blair's with union leaders were with unpopular figures. Mr Heseitine, Mr Clarke and their allies are not. They may be anathema to hardline sceptics, but they are still central to the Tory party's public credibility.

The trouble with current Tory leaders is that they

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have short political memories. If they remembered the early 1980s — or talked to Labour survivors of that era — they would have thought twice about embarking on this approach. The last time that I heard MPs from the same party talking so venomously about each other was during the first half of the 1980s (leaving aside the acrimony within the old SDP in 1987-88 during its merger with the Liberals). With wild talk of expulsions and withdrawal of the whip, there are also similarities with the Bevanite rows in Labour in the 1951-55 Parliament.

The closest Tory parallels are with the internal battles over tariff reform 90 years ago. I still do not think the Tory party will split — though some MEPs have discussed the option of breaking away. However, the recriminations look like getting a lot worse. Labour leaders can hardly believe their luck after the shambles of a fortnight ago.

PETER RIDDELL

IN PARLIAMEN

TODAY in the Commons: questions to Scottish ministers, the Leader of the Commons and the Commons Commission; Prohibition of Bull Bars Bill, first reading; Opposition debate on government proposals for student finance; Opposition de-

siege"; short debate on roads in East Sussex

In the Lords: Local Government (Contracts) Bill, third reading; Plant Verieties Bill, report; Social Security (Lone Parents) (Amendment) Regulations; debate on Scottish university fees.

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Four major cellphone companies - Orange, Vodafone, Cellnet and Mercury - have been given permission by a government inspector to crect a relay mast in Dedham Vale. on the Suffolk-Essex border, known as the heart of "Constable country".

The inspector, Charles Holle, whose decision has overturned a local authority ban, and is being backed by the Environment Secretary, John Prescott, said: "There would be some diminution of the beauty of the landscape in an area of outstanding natural beauty. What may be considered the showpiece views in terms of the Constable connection would not be affected."

But the decision has angered local residents and poliicians. Bernard Jenkin, the Conservative MP for North Essex, said: "I am deeply depressed and angry about this decision. The timeless interests of rural England are being sacrificed for a few minutes' mobile phone conversation on the Al2. It is ridiculous.

"Ministers will come to regret this decision which means that no corner of the countryside will be protected from telecommunication

The MP Tim Yeo, whose constituency includes the Suffolk side of Dedham Vale. said: "There is widespread concern about the environmental damage caused by the proliferation of these masts in rural areas.

The rapid growth of the mobile phone industry has led to a huge increase in the number of masts which are often unsightly and situated in highly visible positions. Under planning rules a lot of masts are being built without proper local scrutiny and there is no protection against visual intrusion."

Ex-MI6 man accused of trying to sell , secrets book

Former officer remanded on security

charge, reports Michael Evans

A FORMER MI6 officer was remanded in custody yesterday accused of trying to pub-lish a book about his work with the Secret Intelligence

Richard Tomlinson, 34, was accused under Section I of the Official Secrets Act after Spe-cial Branch officers travelled to Australia where he had allegedly sent a publisher a synopsis for a book. He was charged with disclosing with-out lawful authority, information to another which had been in your possession by virtue of being a member of the SIST

Reporting restrictions at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London, were lifted at the request of Mr Tomlinson's legal team. A request for bail for Mr Tomlinson, who has dual British and New Zealand nationality, was rejected.

Dru Sharpling, for the Crown Prosecution Service, said an adjournment was needed to seek the consent of the Attorney-General for the prosecution and to allow police inquiries to continue.

Mr Tomlinson worked as a management consultant in the City before joining MI6 as a probationary intelligence officer in 1991. Ms Sharpling said that after leaving the service in 1995, Mr Tornilison made it clear to his former employers that he wanted to commit his experiences in SIS to writing" and notified his former employers. An injunction was taken out to

stop publication. However, after a report in The Sunday Times that he had sent a manuscript to a literary agent, further injunctions were obtained and the manuscript was "delivered up", Ms

Sharpling said. In February this year an agreement was reached with Mr Tomlinson that he would no longer disclose information about his past work but in May it was discovered that "he might be intending to write a book and to give that book to publishers

in Australia".

Ms Sharpling said that
Special Branch officers were sent to Sydney to interview a publisher "who was able to give direct evidence of Tomlinson's intention to publish his manuscript. Police feared he would continue to attempt to publish, possibly on the internet. Given bail, Mr Tomlinson might flee abroad, having contacts and money.

Owen Davies, for Mr Tomlinson, said: This is not in any shape or form the case of a person knowingly or unknowingly betraying secrets to an enemy. This is a man who has in the past had a disagreement with his employers purely arising out of his employment and its termination. It is not a man who is dangerous to his country."

Ronald Bartle, the Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, ruled that Mr Tomlinson should be remanded in custody for a week. He also agreed with Ms Sharpling's request that no picture of Mr Tomlinson should be published because he had been an operational intelligence officer.

After the hearing Mr Wadham said Mr Tomlinson had tried to take his former employers to an industrial tribunal but had been prevented after a ministerial certifi-cate had been signed by Malcolm Rifkind, then For-



beside a range of his firm's "eco-friendly" coffins, which come in flatpack kits, using board made from recycled fimbers. The biodegradable coffins are spearheading his firm's attempt to lead an export drive aimed at those who want to be environmen-

tally sound after death (Nick Nuttall writes). Paper stuck to the outside gives finishes such as "oak" and "knotted antique pine". The Governments of Mexico

TWO British servicemen who escaped a possible flogging in Singapore after allegedly robbing a taxi driver faced a

Richard Britten, a Royal Marine,

and John King, a soldier, were saved

from 12 strokes of the cane and up to 14

years in jail after discussions between

British Consulate officials and the

After an evening at a nightclub the two men, who were part of the Ocean

Wave deployment to the Middle and

Par East, were said to have taken a cab

back to the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Sir Galahad at around 3am on May 3

Attorney-General in Singapore.

court martial in Britain yesterday.

Green export drive that wants world to die British

an interest in the coffins, which sell for about £130, gainst £275 for more tradi-

ional versions. Mr Vosper, who wants to expand his Eco-F coffin com-pany in St Ives, Cornwall,

destination they questioned the fare.

One of them grabbed the driver around the neck from behind while the

other went to the driver's door and

robbed him of about \$\$40 (£15).

Commander Nick Hawkins, for the

prosecution, said. The two men ran

away and the driver, Huat Chin Tong,

Commander Hawkins said: "Britten

sat behind the driver with King on his

left, but they swapped seats and Mr

Tong became suspicious and adjusted

the mirror to get a good look at the men. King grabbed him from the back

around the neck while Britten removed

his money from his shirt pocket."

54, called police on a mobile phone.

Internet had been spotted by potential purchasers from Texas to Australia.

He added: "The Mexican Government provides funerals for about four tithe of the

year." He claims that he could create 30 new jobs if he finds the backing to increase

The coffins are said to be biodegradable down to the

around with them and spotted the

Two face court martial over robbery claim

now sold in Britain each year. Nicholas Albery, of the the Natural Death Centre in northwest London, said that cremation was felt to create

hazardous pollution, where-

as burial in a woodland or

other location added good-

ness to the soil and was far

less costly.

A burial shroud was even

cheaper and greener. At least

one local authority, Carlisle,

was offering such a service.

with the body lowered by

accused by a canal lying on their backs. The two men both denied the offence were arrested and Mr Britten and said they had taken another taxi to a different area to get some food but decided to walk back. They became was found to have S\$43, the court martial at HMS Nelson was told. lost, so agreed to wait for daybreak by A few days later the pair were picked the canal.

from my shirt pocket."

out at an identity parade by Mr Tong, who was examined by a doctor and found to have bruising to his neck and chest. On May 13 both men were Britten, 22, who serves with 847 Naval Air Squadron at Yeovilton, Somerset, and King, 20, from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers charged. Mr Tong said: "I felt the one behind at Middle Wallop, Hampshire, both me grab hold of me around my neck. I deny robbery. The men come under the it was difficult to breathe so with Naval Discipline Act because they both my hands I tried to free myself were serving on board a deployed ship. from his hold. He had me in an arm

The court martial is expected to last lock. I could only see the roof of my taxi

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New Zealand leader bows to Cabinet coup

JIM BOLGER yesterday announced his resignation as Prime Minister of New Zealand and leader of the National Party from the end of the month. His retirement followed a leadership challenge by Jenny Shipley, the Transport Minister, who is tipped to become New Zealand's first woman Prime Minister today. Mr Bolger made his announcement after meetings

with Mrs Shipley and his coalition partner, Winston Peters, the New Zealand First leader. He will attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation summit in Vancouver on November 24, and then make a state visit to China before standing down.

Mr Bolger said that, having completed more than seven years as Prime Minister, near-12 years as leader of the National Party and 14 years as a minister. "changing circumstances" made retirement appropriate. He said he had decided to signal his intention now to permit an orderly transition for the coalition Government.

"Having invested a huge amount of personal effort in achieving the coalition agreement with New Zealand First it is my strongest wish to ensure that it remains in good health for the future." he said.

Mr Bolger said he planned to work with his successor, but did not say who that might be. Mrs Shipley, who is on the right wing of the National Party, has been challenging Mr Bolger's leadership for

Challenge from woman forces tilt to right, reports

Cathie Bell in Wellington

chosen, it will be a disappointment to Helen Clark, the Labour leader, who had hoped to become New Zealand's first woman Prime Minister but missed out when Mr Bolger's National Party went into coalition with New Zealand First.

Mrs Shipley refused to comment yesterday, but backbench MPs confirmed Mr Bolger's two-week absence at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Edinburgh, followed by an official visit to France and a week's recess in Parliament, had giv-

to admit defeat. Don McKinnon, the deputy leader, is understood to be interested in the party leadership but has not been lobbying as strongly as Mrs Shipley.
Rod Alley, Professor of Political Science at Wellington's

Victoria University, said the coup had "a bit of the old line from Macbeth about it better it were done quickly if it's done at all". Wyatt Creech, the Educa-

en her the opportunity to gather her forces against him.

Mrs Shipley is understood to

have about 30 supporters

within the National Party's

parliamentary caucus, while Mr Bolger had only five.

Another six were undecided.

The main reason for MPs

switching their allegiance to Mrs Shipley appears to be that Mr Bolger was seen as too

close to New Zealand First

and Mr Peters, whose popu-

larity has slipped disastrously in opinion polls and an indif-

ferent performance in

Mrs Shipley is seen as being

able to give the National Party

a distinctive voice again to

distinguish it from New Zea-

Mr Bolger met her on Sunday night, when she indi-

cated that she intended to

challenge him at the party's

caucus meeting today. Mr

Bolger tried to rally support,

but late last night was forced

government.

land First

tion Minister, is being tipped as Mrs Shipley's deputy. Mr Peters tried to shore up Mr Bolger's position by telling Mrs Shipley that his party



Jenny Shipley leaving the meeting with Mr Bolger last night when she told him of her leadership challenge

would not work with her as not work with Mrs Shipley leader. However, Tuariki Delamere, a New Zealand First MP and official, told journalists that he could see no reason why the party could is friction between Mrs Ship-

and that the coalition agreement between the two parties would stand.

Party sources say that there

ley and Mr Peters and have speculated that this could lead to him losing his post as

The coalition agreement sets

should either of the parties change its leadership, and that condition appears to have been met. It does not allow

ister, Women's Affairs Minister,

State-Owned Enterprises Minister,

Accident Compensation Corpo-

ration Minister and Minister Re-

sponsible for Radio New Zealand

before marrying her husband, Bur-

ren, both now at university. Her

by being a mother.

political skills, she says, were learnt

Dozens die in Vietnam typhoon

Thousands of families were

left homeless as the storm,

named Linda, swept across

the province. As many as

13,000 clapboard and mud

homes were flattened or heavi-

ly damaged, a senior official

from the government flood

and storm control department

said. Villages were flooded

She trained as a school teacher

Queen fails the true Aussie test'

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

AUSTRALIA'S republicans yesterday launched a multi-media blitz to end the country's royal ties with Britain. Their message in the run-up to this month's election for a constitutional convention was blunt: replace the Queen as head of state with a true

Australian. The advertising campaign declared: "If you're not related to the Queen, you'll relate to the Australian Republican Movement. If you want your children to have a chance of being Australia's head of state you could marry Prince Charles — or vote for the Australian Republican Movement." Its launch coincided with the distribution of 12 million ballot papers for a postal election of candidates for the People's Convention in Canberra in February. designed to gauge opinion on moves to cut constitutional links with Britain. It could pave the way

The candidate selection will provide the first formal ment of national thinking, although recent opinion polls suggest strong support for a republic. Yesterday's full-page news-

paper advertisements said that most Australians did not like the idea of power by inheritance. "No one gets to captain the Australian cricket side because their dad did no one holds a seat in Parliament because it was their mother's. Our country was built on the courage, hard work and ambition of Australians — surely it's time we acknowledged that with a head of state who is an Australian of accomplishment, rather than a Briton of

blue blood," they suggested.
Television commercials, featuring the actor Bryan Brown and the busin an Janet Holmes à Court. which were broadcast last night, made much the same point.

republican move-A Constitutional Monarchy launched their campaign last

Trinh Minh Thanh, the

Deputy Prime Minister, left

Hanoi for the Mekong Delta

area to assess damage and begin lobbying for govern-ment relief funds. The ty-

phoon was moving towards southern Thailand, where the

Government gave a warning

Former teacher disciplined herself for tough road to top image. Now she is Transport Min-

BY CATHIE BELL

JENNY SHIPLEY, who is expected to become New Zealand's first woman Prime Minister today, has had a swift rise to the top. A farmer from Ashburton, a provincial town in South Island, she has been in

David Lange, the former Labour Prime Minister, described her as tougher than any of the men in the

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minister is a large woman, physically impressive and intellectually commanding. Firm and self-confident, she handles pressure superbly and has had to do so through some

difficult ministerial portfolios. With Ruth Richardson, a close friend and former National Finance Minister, Mrs Shipley was public enemy number one as she implemented benefit cuts as Social

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health restructuring and hospital cuts as Health Minister. She became an MP in 1987, with

the backing of Miss Richardson, whom she had helped during th 1984 election campaign. Three years later, she was in the Cabinet, saddled with the politically difficult

Welfare Minister, and then public social welfare portfolio at a time when the National Government was cutting benefits and restructuring the economy, causing massive. unemployment. After winning her given the health portfolio in 1993, another difficult job. -1

Mrs Shipley became enormously

unpopular, and New Zealand First campaigned strongly against her personally, with Winston Peters, its leader, telling voters that he would drive her out of power. Tax Henare, New Zealand First's deputy leader, vowed never to sit at the same Cabinet table as her. He now

After the last election, Mrs Ship-

Hanei: Dozens of people were

killed when a powerful tropi-cal storm lashed Vietnam's

southern coast yesterday. A government official said the

typhoon was the worst in the

The storm, with winds of

80mph, sank more than 200 fishing boats and left hun-

area for nearly 100 years.

ley asked for more palatable portio-

Beijing denies Tiananmen apology

FROM JAMES PIUNCIA

CHINA denied yesterday that President Jiang Zemin was apologising for the Tianan-men Square massacre when he told a Harvard University gathering about "shortcomings" and "some mistakes" on being asked about the violent suppression of the 1989 prodemocracy demonstrations.

age-control exercise, Qian Qichen, the Foreign Minister, rold reporters in Los Angeles: "This was a general statement made by President Jiang about existing shortcomings and mistakes in the work of the Government. He was not referring to a specific case."

In what was clearly a dam-

Beijing-based correspondents travelling with Mr Jiang during his eight-day visit to the United States reported that the 71-year-old leader seemed to have come close on Saturday night to offering an apology for the Tiananmen incident in which hundreds died when tanks and troops were sent in to crush the movement.

But diplomats here said admitting that "mistakes" were made over Tiananmen could have had grave consequences for Li Peng, the Prime Minister and second in the political hierarchy, who had signed the martial law order that led to the army's clearing

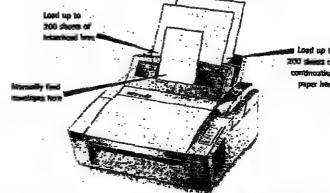
of the square.
While Mr Jiang did not specifically mention Transnmen in answering questions on why he refused dialogue with his people, and why the Government had ordered tanks into Tiananmen to confront "the Chinese people", he said: "It goes without saying that naturally we may have shortcomings and even make some mistakes in our work. However, we have been working on a constant basis to mprove our work."

A diplomat here said: "Jiang was answering a specific ques-tion and Beijing can't deny he made his remark because everyone heard him. Perhaps, he felt too embarrassed to trot out the same tired old line." Mr Jiang returns home

today to a hero's welcome.

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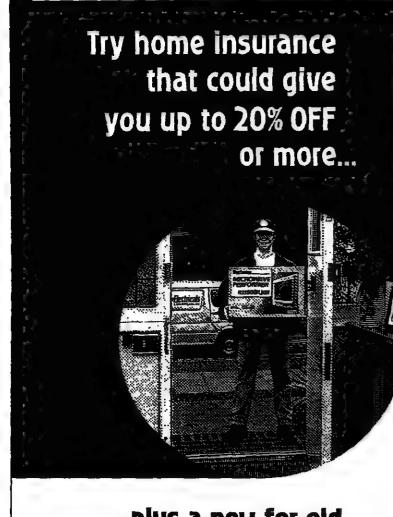
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UN team will offer no bargains to Saddam

THE United Nations dispatched a three-man delegation to Baghdad yesterday to defuse the confrontation with Iraq after a routine UN weapons inspection was blocked because of the presence of an American on the team.

The team is to arrive in Baghdad today to try to persuade Iraq to reverse its decision to bar Americans from working as UN weapons inspectors - potentially the most serious challenge to the United Nations since the end of the Gulf War.

The United States and Britain initially opposed the mediation effort, because of concern that the UN envoys would open negotiations with Iraq that could circumscribe the work of the UN Special Commission (Unscom), charged with investigating the country's banned weapons of mass destruction.

The mission to Baghdad finally got the go-ahead after Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, made clear that its terms of reference were "limited" and would not permit it to bargain with the Government of President Saddam Hussein. The team's goal is "to discuss with the tragis a firm implementation of the .UN resolution" authorising UN inspectors to verify that Iraq can hope only for a ladder to climb down, report James Bone

and Michael Theodoulou

Iraq has destroyed banned weaponry, Mr Annan said.

They are not negotiating," said Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman. They are there to make clear that Saddam Hussein must comply with UN resolutions."
Saddam, facing the threat of

punitive action, called yesterday for a dialogue to resolve the confrontation. But he left little doubt that he wanted the UN team to fix the terms for a lifting of the crippling UN embargo imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait

They are supposed to come for dialogue in order to put things in order ... in a way

ton Administration is anxious

to portray the confrontation

as a dispute between the UN

Security Council and Bagh-

dad, not Washington and

that rights and commitments shold be completely clear without ambiguity and procrastination," he said. Diplomats hoped that the

UN team's visit would provide Iraq with "a ladder to climb down. But the fact that the mission is going ahead also reflects uncertainty of the Gulf War allies about the effectiveness of military action. "He [Saddam] has calculated they can bomb him. If they

in neighbouring Jordan, "He's also relying on American overkill to rally Arab support A key problem facing the

Iraqi intransigence contin-ned officials said (Bronwen

The Administration might

also act independently if there

were any sign that a Security

Maddox writes).

hit one of his palaces, he has

30 more," said an Arab envoy



on lifting of embargo

UN is that Saddam feels he has little to gain by coming clean on clandestine weapons programmes because Washington has made clear it will

do its utmost to maintain the embargo while he is in power. "At the same time, the Americans have no coherent strategy America prepared to go it alone

would also feel more free to act unilaterally if Baghdad threatened US citizens. The White House's cautious stance comes against a

In the UN team are Lakhdar Brahimi, a former Algerian Foreign Minister and veteran UN negotiator; Jan Eliasson, a Swede who mediated for the UN in the Iran-Iraq War; and Emilio Cardenas, Argentina's former UN Ambassador, considered the hardliner of the group.

France, Russia and Egypt all members of the UN Security Council - are hoping to head off the threat of a military strike on Iraq by the United States. Egypt suggest-ed to Iraq yesterday that it extend its deadline of tomorrow for the departure of the seven American weapons inspectors still in the country.

Putting it at odds with Britain and the United States, France said that any military action required new Security Council authority.

Unscom tried to resume operations in Iraq yesterday after the first suspension of its work since the end of the Gulf War. A missile inspection team attempted to visit a site, but called off the inspection when Iraqi officials objected to the presence of an American on the team. In recent days, iraq has twice blocked American weapons inspectors from entering the country.

The West goes wild over gun controls

FROM GILES WHITTELL

road to top

CHARLTON HESTON and Bill Gates have taken sides over a hitterly fought measure that could give Washington State the strongest gun control laws in the American West and pave the way for similar

legislation in other states. Initiative 676, a state referendum being voted on today. would require child safety locks on all new handguns and a licence and safety training course for buyers. As the toughest local gun control plan in nearly a decade, it has prompted intense opposition from the National Rifle Association, including a trip to the state by Mr Heston — actor, hunter and NRA spokesman.

On a flying visit to Seattle, the man who played Moses in The Ten Commandments called the initiative "evil". "silly" and "devilish". He also said it should be called Initiative 666, the number the Bible assigns to the anti-Christ.

The speech brought a derisive response from James Brady, formerly press secre-tary to President Reagan who made gun control his life's work after being shot himself. In a letter from Washington he wrote: "Holy cow! I think you've taken the Moses role too far. What were you think-Save time and ing? Thou shalt not sell a child

ing? Thou shalt not sell a chilo a safety lock with a handgun?"

Mr Heston and the NRA have also enraged Seattle's liberal-leaning elite, including Mr Gates, co-founder of Microsoft, who has not commented publicly but has given \$35,000 (£21,000) to support the initiative.

A Seattle Times editorial

money around the office. A Seattle Times editorial called the gun lobbyists' campaign "more hype than sub-stance" but said the NRA considers the state "a prime battleground*.

Facing a two-to-one majority for gun control six weeks ago, the NRA has spent \$3 million (£1.8 million) on advertisements and door-to-door campaigning, closing the gap until experts said yesterday



Daniel Okev is embraced by a relative as he arrives for the hearing yesterday

Killer faces new psychiatric test

Beersheba: A retired Israeli army major who has con-fessed to killing a British tourist must have another psychiatric test to determine if he can stand trial, a court ruled yesterday.

Daniel Okev. 45, is charged with shooting dead Jeffrey Hunter, 22, in August and wounding his girlfriend, Charlotte Gibb. He told the court in September that he

had opened fire on the hitchens of killings approved by senior army leaders. hikers, whom he was giving a lift, after the surfacing of

Preliminary psychiatric evaluations have found that Mr deeply buried memories from his service in an army unit that was allegedly involved in the extra-judicial killings of Okev might be suffering from neurological problems related to the trauma of his military service. Yesterday he said The Rimon ("grenade") unit operated in the Gaza Strip in outside the courtroom: "I didn't kill, not me. Maybe the early 1970s. Two years there is another Daniel Okev ago, a former member of the unit told an Israeli journalist

to tackle neo-Nazis

to face tighter controls after investigation of a homemade neo-Nazi video in which soldiers give the Hitler salute and talk of killing Jews.

Hartmut Bagger, Inspector-General of the Bundeswehr, made the announcement in an interview with national television, prior to a meeting of military officials in Berlin. He said a working group would control of troops. (AP)

Mir spacewalk

Korolyov: Two Russian cosmonauts undertook a reportedly successful spacewalk of more than six hours outside the Mir space station in spite technical problems. (Reuters)

Tyson 'asleep'

New York: Mike Tyson

Teacup storm

Cairo: Khalai Abbas Hassanein, an Egyptian farmer forced to wait for his cup of tea, shot and seriously wounded his mother, wife and sister.

Earthly treasure

Vatican City: The Pope ap-Sergio Sebastiani, 66, as head of the Vatican's Office for Economic Affairs. He suc-ceeds Cardinal Edmund Szoka of America. (AFP)

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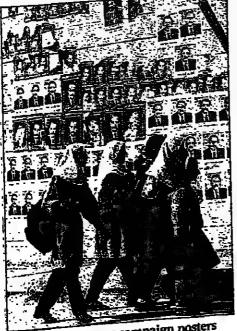
blamed his Connecticut motorcycle crash last week, when he broke a rib and punctured a lung, on falling asleep. The former world boxing champion must pay a £46 traffic fine.

the government daily al-Gomhouriyah reported. (AFP)

pointed an Italian archbishop,

Paris: France's Prix Medicis literary award went to Philippe Le Guillou. Also honoured were T. C. Boyle, an American, for his novel America, and Jia Pingwa of China

Women fight prejudice in Jordan poll FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN



Schoolgirls pass campaign posters in Amman for today's election

IN DEFIANCE of death threats, a record 17 women are challenging 535 men in today's Jordanian parliamentary election. Their campaign has ushered in a new era for women in the Arab world.

"Even if we all lose, we have shown we cannot be intimidated. that we can put our case better than many of the men and that we cannot be imprisoned by traditional Arab male prejudice," said Toujan Faisal, 48, a former television presenter who was the first woman elected to the 80-seat legislature out of only three female candidates in 1993.

Since her election, Ms Faisal has been ordered in vain by Islamic critics to dress in a veil and has had an ashtray thrown at her by an MP angry at her attacks on corruption. Her husband reluctantly accepted a divorce after alleged organised harassment and, last week, she was warned that if she went to speak in the town of Karak "you will not

leave it alive". Ms Faisal, whose sister Leila is also a candidate, has been declared an apostate who should be killed by any good Muslim. Voters in Amman have been told they will also be declared apostates if they back her.

To the disquiet of the male establishment, support for Ms Faisal is growing daily from women in Egypt, Lebanon, Yemen and the Maghreb where many of her articles banned at home have been published. The fury which she provokes among Jordan's increasingly powerful Islamic fundamentalists — particularly her exposition of why the Koran does not sanction men to take four wives at once has been intensified because the main Islamic parties are boycotting the poli.

They claim parliament is a rubber stamp being used to provide support for the hated [1994] peace treaty [with Israel]. But I argue that

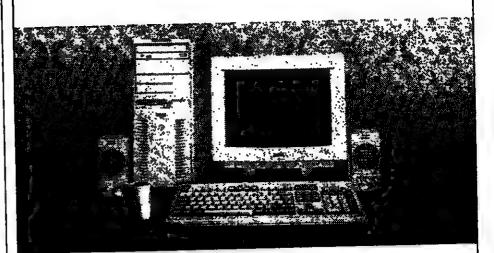
tion is vital in this corrupt country." Ms Faisal said. "The Government has recently closed down 13 papers to suppress criticism and banned 70 from abroad. We have to fight for democracy at every moment of our

It is not only the Islamists who are opposed to women entering public life in a kingdom where this year there have been 23 "honour killings" of women murdered by male relatives for allegedly immoral behaviour. Wisaf Kaabneh, 39, the first woman to fight for a seat in one of the three Beduin constituencies, was the target of an assassination attempt by tribesmen determined to keep women out of

Ms Kaabneh said: I am a Beduin girl, OK. But I am qualified, I have a lawyer's degree. Even if I do not win, I will consider it a victory because I will have broken the chain, the barrier holding back the Bedrin girl."

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Perot: angry at blow to funding reform

Perot to throw his votes to Clinton

FROM BRONWEN MADDON IN WASHINGTON

ROSS PEROT'S Reform Party will throw its weight behind the Democrats in next year's congressional elections to "punish" the Republicans for sinking efforts to reform campaign finance laws.

The announcement by Mr Perot, the Texan millionaire who founded the Reform Party and ran for President in 1992 and 1996 on a platform of balancing the budget, could give President Clinton's Democrats a boost in their bid next year to regain control of the House of Representatives. Financially outgunned by the fundraising power of the main parties. Mr Perot is furious at last month's decision by Trent Lott. the Republican leader of the Senate, to block the McCain-Feingold Bill. the only recent piece of legislation to stand a chance of reforming cam-

paign finance rules.

This week Mr Perot said that he will no longer fund his party but spend money on lawyers to push Bills for campaign finance reform. His party plans to run candidates against 40 to 50 Republican House members. The Republicans have an ilstrong majority of the 435 Representatives.

Giuliani's express heads for presidency

RUDOLPH GIULIANI, the Mayor of New York, has been campaigning round the clock to secure a landslide re-election victory today which could launch him as the Republican Party's "Great White Hope" for the presidency.

The pugnacious former prosecutor, the first Republican mayor of this overwhelmingly Democratic city in a generation, evidently believes Frank Sinatra's old adage: "If you can make it here, you'll make it anywhere."

With his popular crack-down on "quality of life" crimes, he has amassed a 20 to 25 per cent lead that has left his Democratic challenger, a local politico named Ruth Messinger, struggling for name recognition. Even the liberal New York Times endorsed his bid for a four-year second term enthusiastically.

Tart-tongued Mr Giuliani is uncharacteristically coy when asked if he intends to seek the Oval Office. "It would be my intention to serve out the full four years," he said. "I can't rule out options in the future." But a New York law imposing a two-term limit on its mayor has set tongues wagging about what the indefatigable Mr Giuliani, now 54, would do if forced to retire in 2001.

He built his spectacular poll lead despite plenty of New Yorkers professing that they do not even like him. Yet his personality is uniquely New York. An Italian-American Catholic from Brooklyn who is married to a local television newscaster, he rejoices in the pleasures of opera and pizza. He has become the city's loudest cheerleader for the New York Yankees, who returned the favour last year by

A landslide in New York could

boost Mayor's ambition, writes

James Bone

winning baseball's World Series in what many saw as a further sign of the city's renaissance.

It is the precipitous cut in crime that has really earned grudging respect, even in poor black and Hispanic neighbourhoods. During his first term, city crime fell by 40 per cent and murder dropped by 60 per cent to below 1,000 a year for the first time since the late 1960s.

As a federal prosecutor in the 1980s, Mr Giuliani, who once considered becoming a priest, brought down Mafia chieftains and Wall Street swindlers alike. As mayor, who interferes with the "quality of life".

Recently, he seems to have been seeking a national, if not international, stage. He has visited Boston and Washington to tell of his successes, and picked fights with visiting foreign dignitaries such as President Jiang Zemin of China and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader.

However, some Republican figures fear that he could be too "ethnic" for a national campaign. Outspoken support for immigrants and a prochoice position on abortion put him outside the party's mainstream.



An illustration in an 1812 book, Journal of Voyages, shows Captain William Clark and Meriwether Lewis holding a council with Indians

American TV blazes the pioneer trail

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

BUCKSKIN costumes, muzzle-loading rifles and antique swords and dugout canoes are the paraphernalia as America rediscovers the romantic tale of Lewis and Clark, the explorers who first penetrated and mapped the western wilderness.

A four-part television series today and tomorrow coincides with an explosion in the "Lewis and Clark" cult, as adventurous holidaymakers rush to retrace the pioneers' steps. Ken Burns, the producer, calls the 4,000-mile round trip to strike a passage through the Rockies to the West Coast "the ultimate American road trip".

Even these days, the route goes through some of the wildest regions, graced with evocative names: Snake River, and the Bitteroot and Lost River mountain ranges. Thousands are rushing each year to retrace the Lewis and Clark trail, and their numbers are expected to rise steadily before the bleentennial in 2004.

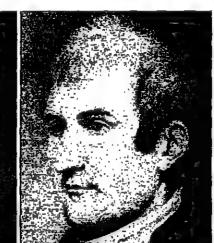
Mr Burns has portrayed the original

Mr Burns has portrayed the original journey as a symbol of national unity, one of the earliest threads that tied the continent together. But the aim of Captain William Clark and Meriwether Lewis was more modest:

to find out what was there.

Their expedition across the North-West, which lasted from 1804 to 1806, was authorised by President Jefferson

Louisiana Purchase, the acquisition from France of the huge tract of land west of the Mississippi which doubled the size of the just-created United States. What is now America's heartland — Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska



Clark, left, and Lewis, in their expedition of 1804-06, were the first explorers to travel and map the western American wilderness

and Congress in the wake of the Louisiana Purchase, the acquisition from France of the huge tract of land west of the Mississippi which doubled the size of the just-created United and North and South Dakota — was then unknown territory, controlled by the Sioux and the Shoshone, while the 14.000ft-high Rockies posed an obstately

The cult has been fired by the meticulous journals of the explorers, who used the enforced halts of long winters and storms to note every step. A book by Steven Ambrose. Undaunted Courage, which draws heavily on the journals, has stunned the publishing industry by selling \$00,000 copies.

the journals, has stunned the publishing industry by selling 800,000 copies. Even attempting to retrace the route by car can take two weeks. The "trail" is something of a misnomer, as much of the original journey took place by water. Visitors are forced to seek out dirt tracks in Idaho and Montana, under snow for much of the year, to follow a comparable route.

Ironically, the Lewis and Clark cult is yet one more sign of the "yuppification" of the Wild West. Residents of the western states have long complained of the inroads made by "cappuccino cowboys". They now fear that, two centuries after Lewis and Clark, America's still astoundingly empty widerness will finally fall to

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Moscow plans to profit from boom in vice

AFTER repeated failures to stamp out street prostitution. Moscow is now considering legalising and taxing the world's oldest profession, which has become a boom industry in the post-Commu nist Russian capital.

In a move that has shocked police but won approval from the "night butterflies", as pros-titutes are called in Russian, the city's local authority has leaked details of a plan that would license nightclubs and massage parlours to run legal brothels.

The idea is the brainchild of Anatoli Stankov, a member of the Moscow City Council's committee for the prevention of organised crime, who believes that everyone would benefit. The callgirls would receive regular medical check-ups and the protection of the authorities, and the city would tap into a lucrative new source of income. The only losers

would be the pimps. The new Bill is an attempt to give prostitution a more civilised character and to defend women from numerous protection rackets," Mr Stankov told the Moscow TriOnly the mafia pimps stand to

make a loss,

writes Richard Beeston

women, mostly students, who cannot survive on their stipend, or women forced onto the streets by their husbands who cannot support the family on their low salaries."

At present hundreds of women line the pavements of Moscow's main streets en-gaged in a business the authorities have found impossible to eradicate.

At Night Flight, the capital's most notorious nightclub on Tverskaya Street, the hub of the red-light district, girls can earn up to £300 a night for sex with foreign businessmen

Part of the problem facing the authorities is that prostitution is not illegal in Russia, a iod, when it existed but was

Nikita Khrushchev once remarked: "There are no prosti-tutes in Russia, Only talented

Currently the police resort to arresting prostitutes for invalid documents, hooliganism or drunk and disorderly behaviour, although most are allowed to go free after a few hours at a police station.

In one memorable case General Anatoli Kulikov, the Interior Minister, claimed that he was almost "dragged out" of his car by eager young women who mistook him for a shy customer. He tried to have the red-light district moved to a less prominent part of the city, a plan resisted by the girls as well as the residents of the designated

Although their work would be substantially reduced by the new measures, many police officers have misgivings about the new plan. "Morally, this is a very difficult step to take," said Vladimir Vershkov, a spokesman for Moscow police. "It is one thing for the authorities to tolerate prostitution, but quite another to legalise it and make money



Prostitutes hide their faces after being detained during one of the failed attempts to clear Moscow's streets

However, among the young women themselves, many of them tecnagers from neighbouring Ukraine and Belarus. the idea of breaking free from

trolled pimps was welcomed.
"I would not mind paying taxes if I could have some real security and somewhere to

crop - because of unusually

Truffles had more than

doubled in price to more than

£2,000 a kilo and were

been working in Moscow for the past two months. ☐ Final rites: The Govern-

and his family, to remove any lingering doubts before the bones are laid to rest, Boris

bers, is establishing a force of

vigilantes - dubbed locally

The Guardian Angels of the

Woods" - to protect hunting

dogs and report any "suspi-

cious circumstances" to the

Alessandro Ghigi, the asso-ciation's head, said that access

to the woods during the

mushroom and truffle hunt-

ing season was already "strict-

Britain pledges to ensure fair start for euro

BY MICHAEL BINJON

BRITAIN will do its very best to help its European partners make a success of economic and monetary union, even though the Government has ruled out British membership in the current Parliament, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, promised

Britain takes over the EU presidency in January and will chair the crucial meeting in May when the decision is made on who will qualify. Mr Cook told an audience

in Dublin that it was in Britain's interest that EMU should succeed. "We will use our presidency to ensure that those countries who wish to get off to the best possible start." It was, he acknowledged, "an issue that matters

to the people of Europe."

He said the Government believed that, in principle, membership of a successful single currency would be beneficial for Britain and Europe. But for London the timing was wrong. Mr Cook told the Institute for European Affairs in Dublin that Britain knew this was causing concern in Ireland, which hopes to join in 1999. He assured the country: "We are

alive to your concerns."

Mr Cook's promise was part of a wide-ranging survey of the forthcoming British presidency. This, he declared, would be used to "give Europe back to the people". He said the EU spent too much time discussing things that did not touch people's lives. Britain's mission, therefore, would be to "reconnect the peoples of Europe with

the European Union". ☐ Copenhagen: An independent citizens' group, contesting the legality of Denmark's EU membership, won the right to peruse secret government papers dating back to the country's accession in 1973. The group argues that. since joining Europe, Denmark has ceded national

Tracker dogs poisoned as Italian truffle war gets dirty

for the highly prized and pensive black truffles of Umbria has turned into a vicious feud, with rival hunters poisoning the trained dogs used to suiff out the delicacy.

More than 20 hunting dogs have died in the Perugia region after eating meat laced with strychnine and weedkiller. "Carnage in the countryside" ran one local headline yesterday. Another pro-

said: "Truffies are one of the

scarce, things turn nasty. The heart of the struggle to fungal gold" for a worldwide multimillion-pound market is

Havana cigars. When they get

the upper valley of the Tiber (otherwise best known for the Piero della Francesca art trail) and, in particular, woodlands around the medieval town of Città di Castello. The edible part of the truffle

(Tuber magnatum pico) grows underground, and the white truffle, to find the



Dogs are trained to sniff out the truffle tubers, more prized than ever this year because of the drought

such as Asti and Alba, where

"becoming as rare as dia-monds", said Corriere della The delicacy, considered by

some an overpriced acquired taste but by others a sublime experience, is exported to Japan, America, Germany and Switzerland, and foreign buyers have been competing

ers at truffle fairs. Agostino Aprile, the head of same warm dry weather that wine harvest for 50 years was proving disastrous for trufdrought which has lasted this Signor Aprile said. Tubers thrive on rain, which has the additional effect of softening the ground so dogs or pigs can dig them up. Luigi Bigi, a veterinary surgeon at Città di Castello,

said that the poisoned dogs included setters, pointers and half breeds specially reared for truffle hunting. He had been called out several times to attend dogs dying "an agonising death", and believed the number of animals over. It is a very painful way

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ly regulated". But dogs not connected with truffle hunting were also eating the poisoned meat. The association has asked for help from the Protection of Animals to

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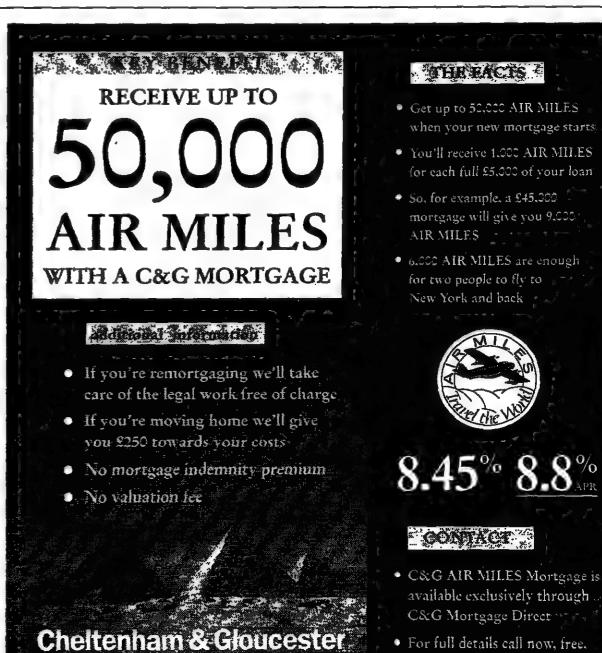
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When death came knocking in the Gulf

ulf War hero turned thriller writ-er John Nichol ped-dles a neat line in self-deprecation. "I'm just a boy from a council estate in North Shields," he shrugs, "I didn't do anything in the face of danger: that would be real

Television pictures from Baghdad of Nichol, a navigator, and his pilot, John Peters, after their capture and torture by Iraqi forces during the Gulf conflict of early 1991 remain unforgettable. Faces swollen and bruised, eyes unfocused. they became national em-

blems of personal heroism. "If someone is beating you up, when does it go from being bearable to unbearable?" he reasons. "I'm 15st, and at that size you don't just lie down and die. Seven weeks of unpleasantness doesn't change the character of a lifetime."

He concedes, though, that those 46 days of incarceration changed the course of his life. Having taken voluntary re-dundancy from the RAF 18 months ago. he has found himself embracing, with some ambivalence, the concept of celebrity. There was, for instance, the invitation to Peters and himself to present a travel award to Ivana Trump. As they entered the Dorchester reception room, the pair were given a standing ovation by the likes of Lord King and Richard Branson.

couldn't come to terms with the fact that people felt the need to do that," Nichol

The same resourceful spirit that saw him tick off the days of his imprisonment on a "very accurate" calendar scratched on his cell wall has seen him turn his fame into a useful marketing tool. He is an afterin corporate motivation ("coping with crisis and change"), has done television presenting

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Captured and tortured during the Gulf War, John Nichol has written a thriller with a serious message. Interview by Moira Petty

and is about to publish his 'My mum is going to be second novel. 'My mum is going to be

The catharsis, Nichol admits, has reached deep into his interior life. Having thought himself a bluff type of a bloke, "not the kind to wear my heart on my sleeve", he now finds

his emotions readily stirred by cruelty and happiness alike. "I cry during Animal Hospi-tal and can't watch Surprise! Surprise! at all. I can't bear to see people being reunited after being apart, for however long." It reminds him of the reunion with his parents in Germany after his release. He feels their suffering, while his fate was unknown, was greater than his own.

"Coming home from church one day they saw a newspaper headline saying my tortured body had been found." At the memory he dissolves, without embarrassment, into tears.

They had the most horrendous time. There was a police cordon at the end of their street and they had to have a police escort when they went out. In public they were solid but in the privacy of their home there were very unpleasant nights.
They had photographers hanging off their drainpipes, and had to read constant speculation about what had

happened to me." He is not, he says, a "natural" writer, and probably produced 20 drafts of his latest book, Vanishing Point. "I can't understand writers who refuse to take criticism," he says. "My agent forced me to put love scenes in and I found that difficult. I kept thinking

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tions, four in one arm by mistake, and he woke in the night to find himself being

thriller. Its startlingly perti-nent theme is Gulf War syn-

drome (GWS); its subtext a

scream of anger on behalf of

the estimated 4,000 victims of

the condition. The publication

coincides with last week's ad-

mission that servicemen were

administered unlicensed vac-

cines and that Department of

'One day my

parents saw a

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been found'

Health concerns about their

effects were ignored by the

Answering the criticism that

he is exploiting suffering for

commercial gain, Nichol says:

"It's like saying that Dick

Francis exploits horse racing."

He has the support of various Gulf War veterans' associa-

tions, which originally sought

The case is complicated, he

points out, by the fact that

there is no single set of

symptoms. Nor were all vic-

tims exposed to the same

conditions. Possible causes are

the array of vaccinations giv-

en, nerve agent tablets, chemi-

cal and biological weapons,

the fumes from oil fires or a

Nichol's novel contains

scenes that seem too far-

fetched to be true, but which

are based on real accounts and

cocktail of all of these.

Ministry of Defence.

"I met a 28-year-old veteran who had been a marathon numer - Within a month of oing to the Gulf, he was in hospital. Within two months, he was told he would never The novel features a GCSE work. He is permanently leexuberance of metaphor and thargic, with aching joints. simile ('He shot a glance as His memory has been affectbrief as a snake's tongue ed. Sometimes he can't retasting the air"). Nevertheless, member where he lives. it is a polished Boys' Own

"One man was sent out to buy chemicals. The writing on the packs was in Arabic and he couldn't translate it. He had to spray everyone and every-

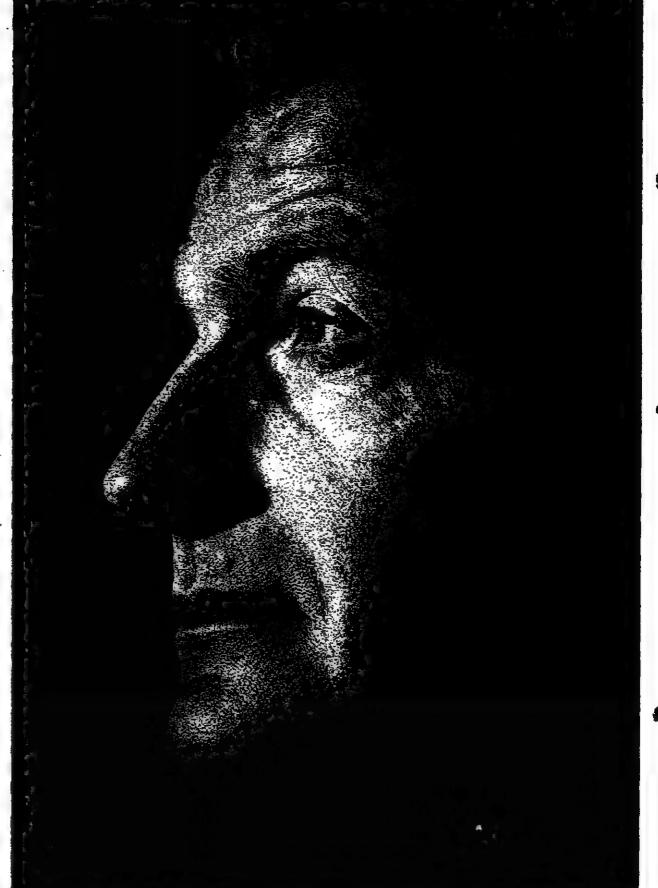
sent to work at a Gulf medical centre. He was given 22 injec-

Nichol incorporates the hereditary component of GWS into the novel during a scene in which a child is born with Goldenhar's syndrome, in which the face is partially deformed and internal organs are defective. Although rare, it has been linked to GWS. Nichol based his account on several articles about such The novel's premise is that

"the Gulf War was a testing ground for nuclear weapons". Nichol is quick to point out that this is the point at which real life and the story part company. "It is a novel," he emphasises. Does he feel he is moving into dangerous territory? No. he says, he is not a great one for conspiracy theories, although "I found a couple of GWS activists who are convinced that they have been tailed by MIS, had their

mail intercepted and so on". Nichol was initially scepti-cal about GWS. "I thought they were trying it on. Many of these people I now regard as his involvement in their fight for compensation for GWS. friends. Once you ask around, it's amazing how many have been affected. It was incredible the lengths to which the last Government went to prevent them from finding out about GWS." The secrecy most enrages Nichol. "Someone in a darkened bunker in the Ministry of Defence isn't telling us

hat happened," he storms. The inoculation programme was intended to be conducted with "informed consent", says Nichol. "I had some of the standard jabs - yellow, pink and every other sever - but when they mentioned anthrax and bubonic fever. I said no. It's easier for an officer in the Air Force to refuse than an infantryman, I am lucky, but



John Nichol, who withstood Iraqi torture. He denies his novel exploits those suffering from Gulf War syndrome

my own medical records are athere when light back from incomplete so I don't know

exactly what I had." He is halfway through his next book, which promises to be equally topical. It concerns the upsurge of nationalism in Argentina and the discovery of rich mineral and ore deposits on the Falkland Islands. He was with one of the Task Force refuelling ships during the Falklands conflict, arriving "after the shooting", and completed the further tours of duty there. "The RAF paid for my

research," he grins. For his own enjoyment he reads Wilbur Smith ("You feel you're living in his books") and exponents of the technothriller, such as Tom Clancy. His bookshelves, he says, contain everything from The Pen-guin Book of Golden Retrievers to the Playboy book of covers, taking in the autobi-ographies of Andy McNab and Andrew Nell.

ably more relaxed than when I first met him two years ago. He is broad-shouldered with a tenacious jaw. His native northeast accent has been ironed out somewhere between Tyneside and Bahrain but he employs the occasional lilt to accompany his teasing sense of

Once he would have declared his personal life offlimits. Now he himself mentions his girlfriend, Suzie, a 25-year-old health and safety executive, whom he met three years ago through a friend. They have been talking for six months about moving in to-gether. She lives in Edgware, North Landon; he in Ripon, Yorkshire. Once intransigent on the subject of moving south, he is now considering the possibility. "No one kicks you up the arse once you leave the Armed Forces." he says His father was an account-

ant for a shippard and scrimped to pay fees when the grammar school attended by Nichol's two elder brothers became fee-paying. "I've never heard my parents argue. I had a cooked breakfast every day and my mum was always

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school. We weren't allowed to run riot. Like every Roman Catholic boy, I was an alter boy. Now my father is retired, my parents go to church every day. My father is a pillar in the community and they live in the same council house I was brought up in. But my father doesn't really like leaving the house because he is afraid it'll

get burgled." Nichol joined the RAF at 17 after straying into a recruiting centre. In those days his ambition was to "get to the top". He wanted to be a pilot but was commissioned as a

navigator. "In ten years

read maps as a Boy Scout but a navigator operates the weapons systems. The plane is guided by computer. If your pilot has a heart attack, you eject the pair of you and literally throw away £20 million worth of aircraft." Once savage in his indict-

ment of defence cuts, he now agrees that hospitals and other services should take priority in government budgets.

Nichol has learnt to live with death in peacetime as well as war. On average, ten members of the RAF are killed every year in flying accidents.

thereil be no such thing. The A One officer, held captive in Baghdad in a cell alongside Nichol's died in such an

incident last year. "You become more fatalistic when you've knocked at -death's door. In Iraq, it wasn't a case of my life flashing before my eyes but a simple acknowledgement that it. hadn't been a bad 27 years. I've learnt to live for the day. as if it were my last. I don't fuss or prevaricate, I just get on with things."

Vanishing Point, by John Nichol, is published on November 13 by Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99. To buy a copy direct from the publisher, call 01235 400 414.

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Kinsey creates his sexual Utopia



In our second extract from his biography of Alfred Kinsey, James H. Jones reveals the researcher's increasingly compulsive attempts to build his own private world of erotic freedom at the Institute

lired Kinsey lived in fear that his health would fail and that he would die before his life's work was completed. Anxious, driven men often behave irrationally. Kinsey was no exception to that rule. As his level of frustration rose, his private behaviour became more erratic and compulsive. erratic arid compulsive enough to elevate sharply the risks he took in his hidden life. Following the publication of Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male, Kinsey attempted to build a private world that would provide the emotional support he needed. Within the inner circle of his senior staff members and their spouses. he endeavoured to create his own sexual Utopia, a scientific subculture whose

members would not be bound by sexual taboos. What he envisioned was in every sense a clandestine scientific experiment, if not a furtive attempt at social engineering unfettered sex would be the order of the day. Although he excluded children categorically, Kinsey decreed that within the inner circle men could have sex with each other, wives would be swapped freely, and wives, too, would be free to embrace whichever sexual partners they liked. Kinsey further ordained that a handful of trusted outsiders would be taken into their confidence and admitted to their scientific subculture.

Bringing in outsiders was absolutely essential for Kinsey to achieve sexual satisfaction, as no other member of the inner circle could fulfil his masochistic

or homosexual desires, although Wardell Pomeroy, a colleague, was willing to playact to meet Kinsey's needs. The problem, though, was that the sex between Kinsey and Pomeroy had gradually lost its erotic charge. A man who knew both Kinseyand. Pomeroy intimately declared: added Mr.Y. "It was just a fact." Wardell is fundamentally not SM; he's experimental." Thus, Pomeroy's performances, however well intentioned, were staged and unconvincing, lacking the erotic power of the genuine article. Kinsey had to look elsewhere for sexual partners who could meet his peculiar needs, and locating them was no easy matter. "Kinsey thought sadomasochists were the most frustrated people in the world because of their difficulty in finding each other," wrote Pomeroy. What Pomeroy did not say, of course, was that Kinsey

was speaking from experience. But find suitable partners Kinsey did, and one of these outsiders, whom we shall call Mr Y, gave a detailed account of their relationship and with other members of

e and

handsome young professional with a diverse sexual history that included sadomasochism and exensive homosex-ual contacts. When kinsey took his history, Mr Y was awed by Kinsey's gift for putting people at ease. Some time later, during one of Kinsey's visits to the West Coast, where Mr Y lived, the two men were in Kinsey's hotel room when something extraordinary happened. "I told him I had a fantasy of having sex with him, with no idea in mind except to report it," Mr Y later recalled, "and he sort of said Take off your clothes.' So I did and we started right there. So every time we met from then on, we had sexual contact." Mr Y, at Kinsey's invitation, made

several trips to Bloomington for consultation and sex. Referring to the institute's senior staff, Mr Y declared: "I also had sex with everybody else around there, too." That included members of both sexes. Mr Y had fond with Clara and Martha, Pomeroy's wife, and equally warm recallections of their husbands.

Mr Y was surprised by how liberated Clara was. She looked like she was a little pipsqueak, you know. Her hair was straight, and she didn't look like she was all loose or open, and she was open as hell." Looking back, Mr Y was struck by the total absence of possessiveness and jealousy in the Kinsey household. Awed by what he called "the real durable love between the two of them", Mr. Y observed: They totally accepted what the other

one did." Not that Clara had much choice if she wished to remain with her husband. "Kinsey once said The reason she does is that she knows when I make up my mind to do something I do it," recalls Mr Y. "And he didn't say that threateningly."

Clara Kinsey: liberated

There was something grim in the way Kinsey was approaching sex, not only inhis private life but in his research. In both areas, he was becoming more compulsive, like a man who had become addicted to risk taking. The sexual escapades in his attic were political dynamite. If the press had known what was happening. Kin-sey's career would have ended then and there. Yet not only did he go on staging these sessions but he compounded the danger by filming many of them.

Not everyone was content to be filmed

One staff wife told an interviewer: "I felt like my husband's career depended on it." That charge would have saddened Kinsey. His self-image was not that of a. man who coerced people. Kinsey had a gift for making outrageous requests



Alfred Kinsey, seated centre, had sex with various employees, including Wardell Pomeroy, standing hands clasped. He also encouraged staff to have sex with each other

appear reasonable. He accomplished this by arguing that because the institute was investigating sex there should be no shame or guilt or repugnance attached to any sexual activity among senior staff.

From Kinsey's perspective, then, these sessions were part of his struggle to banish inhibitions. One of the keys to understanding his complex personality, insisted a close friend, was that Kinsey "liked to feel that he was absolutely unconstrained by moralistic forms". Yet the members of his inner circle, while technically free to enjoy sexual liberation, had to accept limits on their behaviour. Anyone contemplating an extramarital affair had to clear it with Kinsey.

Kinsey, of course, justified this demand by insisting he had to protect the Institute from scandal. Yet this was not the whole story. Whether through necessity or design, his version of sexual Utopia came with restrictions. True to character, he cast himself not only in the role of sexual liberator but in that of benevolent dictator. And while there was no gainsaying his devotion to sexual freedom, his need for dominance remained strong. Viewed from this perspective, staff mem participants in sexual liberation as pawns for Kinsey to manipulate and control. Alfred C Kinsey A Public/Private Life, published on November 12 by Norton, £28

THERE was nothing in Alfred Kinsey's background to suggest that he would one day become, in Billy Gra-ham's words, "the man who did more to undermine morality than any other American". Alfred Charles Kinsey was born on June 23, 1894, in

Hoboken, across the Hud-son River from Manhattan. The Kinseys belonged to the Methodist Church and practised a brand of Methodtiery. Kinsey's father dominated the spiritual life of his family attended Sunday school, Sunday morning services and Sunday evening

prayer meetings.
Religion had a profound influence on Kinsey. One could say he was reared in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord", save for one fact - his pious father admon-ished far better than he nurtured. Alfred Seguine Kinsey acted as head of the bouse and as God's spokes-

A CHRISTIAN CHILDHOOD

man to his family. Moreover, the family's peculiar dynamics and personalities must have worked their way into Kinsey's image of God, shading his understanding of what would happen if he

As a sickly child, Kinsey could not fit the picture of robusi health his cultur prescribed for young males. After he reached middle age. he told a friend that he had felt inferior to other boys during his childhood. He tried his best to meet his father's expectations and imposed a strict moral code on himself. Outwardly, he be-came a model child, yet, try as he might, Kinsey fell short

of the mark. The area of his life which most revealed his inner turmoil was his sexuality. Hidden from the eyes of the world, Kinsey felt his first sexual stirrings during his family's last few years in Hoboken. "The only homosexual thing he ever mentioned in this early part of his life was in his childhood when there was pre-adolescent sex play with a neighbourhood group," recalled Kinsey's colleague Paul Gebhard. The episode involved the sort of self-expl ration and exploration of others common to child development. Gebhard's characterisation of the incident as "homosexual" strongly sug-gests that Kinsey used this

AFTER he became a sex researcher, Kinsey reported membered their first sexual encounters as children. In addition, he argued that early experiences often played a pivotal role in experiences often

term to describe the incident

ing to a crude form of "imprinting" but in a less rigidly behavioural sense. People who found their early experiences pleasurable, explained Kinsey, tended to repeat them. Kinsey's theories suggest that he traced his own adult sexual interests to this incident in Hoboken. For most children, exhibitionism and voyeurism are

shaping life-long behav-

ioural patterns - not accord-

harmiess rites of Kinsey was not that fortunate. According to Gebhard, the episode left Kinsey feeling "very peculiar and rather guilty". How could he have felt otherwise? As the last generation of Victorians, many middle-class Americans of his day felt anxious about sex.

While Kinsey carried parental demands for moral perfection to extremes. Victorian culture required rigid self-control. Kinsey took these demands seriously and could not satisfy them.

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THE same passion that propelled Kinsey as a researcher drove him to get his data before the public.

It was no accident that elected to treat men first. As late as 1944, he had collected roughly twice as many male histories as female histories, a skewing that said a great deal about which sex he found more interesting,

Enthusiasm for sex was a fundamental tenet of loud and clear in his writing. The male volume was a celebration of the 'heman animal's" ability to find sexual outlets in a society obsessed with controlling and restricting sexual freedom. In the

broadest terms, Kinsey showed that Americans were awash in sexual activity, only a small fraction of which was confined to behaviour sanetioned by society

No book that bore Kinsey's name could ignore the suffer-ing and pain that had cast such a shadow over his life. Sexual histories," he reported from experience as well as from his research, "often involve a record of things that have hurt, of frustrations, of pain, of unsatisfied longings, of disappointments, of desperately tragic situations, and of complete catastrophe." Of all his findings, Kinsey

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was perhaps most surprised by what he discovered about the relationship between social class and sexual behavdifferent educational and occupational levels presented markedly dissimilar sexual histories. Young single males who went to high school but not beyond had the highest Kinsey, while those who went to college had the lowest.

After marriage the contrasts were No book Working-class achieved of their most orgasms through ignore the intercourse and suffering most of their extra marital affairs later. Finally, Kinsey reported that dil own life ferences in the incihomosexual activi-

ty separated members of the two groups at every stage of These chapters were bomb

shells. They showed that sexu-

al morality in the United States was a shambles. Acts expressly forbidden and assumed to be rare were actually quite common, while marital intercourse accounted for less than half of the total number of orgasms most men

obtained during their lives. Because he abhorred the hypocrisy and deceit, Kinsey made certain his readers would never be able to look at each other again in quite the

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Love Europe, but loathe the euro

Enthusiasts can still be sceptics

on EMU, says Anatole Kaletsky

have to make a confession. Readers who have fol-L lowed my work may believe me to be a Eurosceptic. I have argued vigorously against the single currency. the exchange-rate mechanism and everything else connected with monetary union ever since I joined The Times in 1990. But the truth is, I am a Euro-enthusiast,

I am fervently in favour of the EU, its deeper integration and its faster enlargement. Last weekend I went with my family to Bruges. I felt my heart miss a beat with excitement as I told my children how wonderful it was that the border between France and Belgium, which had claimed the lives of millions, is now marked only with a sign reading "Bienvenue a Bel-

I would love to see more European harmonisation in many fields other than border controls. I felt my hackles rising when I had to explain to my children that Britain's clocks are out of phase with the rest of Europe - giving them no time to ride their bicycles after school - because of John Major's cowardly surrender to a bunch of mindless Tory xenophobes who believe that anything that is

European must be wrong. I would love to see Brussels ser pan-European standards for telephone and electricity sockresent the difficulties of investing in Luxembourg-based

unit trusts or buying insurance policies issued by German or French companies because of advertising restrictions placed on them by Britain's Securities and Invest-

A few days after my trip to Belgium, i was in Latvia. explaining to local businessmen and politicians that supwas enthusiastically in favour of European enlargement: the real obstacles to enlargement now come from German politicians determined to protect Bayarian farmers and Brussels officials who see the "widening" of Europe as a distraction from the "deepening" of federal political structures which the single currency is designed to produce.

While I was in Riga, Gordon Brown was announcing the Government's decision to stay out of EMU, but play a more constructive European role. His policy was widely criticised as evasive and ambiguous, but it seemed perfectly consistent to me.

It is possible to support further strides in harmonisation and enlargement. while remaining sceptical about specific projects. One obvious one is the common agricultural policy, which enriches Bavarian smallholders and East Anglian prairie farmers at the expense of destitute peasants in Poland and Lithuania. Now there is an even bigger blight on the horizon: the single currency.

l am enthusiastic about Europe, but profoundly criti-cal of EMU. Perhaps Tony Blair could be persuaded to join the same camp. This would not not make him a schizophrenic, or even a pre-varicator. His position would be quite consistent and clear. To put it in a sound-bite, he would be a Euro-enthusiast

and an EMU-sceptic. Now that Mr Blair, to his eternal credit, has announced a settled and unambiguous policy on the single currency to cover the rest of this Parliament, Britain can finally begin a debate about its relationship with Europe which focuses on principles rather than tactics. it is time for other pro-European EMU-sceptics to come out of the woodwork and to prevent the debate being hijacked by manipulative politicians and brain-dead business lobbyists who maintain there is no difference between those who are opposed to EMU and xenophobic little-Englanders.

Do you want the British Parliament subordinated to faceless officials in Brussels?" say the Tory Eurosceptics and the tabloid press. "Do you want Britain to be left behind by Europe?" respond Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke. "Do you want Britain to prosper in Europe and benefit from the single market?" demand the business lobbyists, trade unionists and

politicians.

consensual hack

These rhetorical

questions come

from different ends

of the political spec-

trum, but they all

have a crucial fea-

Critics of monetary union are

not all xenophobes

ture in common. By presenting a false dichotomy between "pro-Europe and anti-Europe" they are deliberately designed to distract attention from the real

is it possible to be in favour of European integration but against monetary union, or at least be very sceptical about this new adventure? And is this combination the right position for Britain?

Could it make sense, for example, to oppose the single currency and yet to accept the principle that Parliament's sovereignty must be shared with European institutions (as, indeed, it already is under the single-market programme)? It is obviously possible to oppose the single currency and still believe that there should be more efficient decision-making and majority voting in the European Council, that foreign and defence policies should be more closely co-ordinated, that the European Parliament be given more powers or Commission-

border formalities should be abolished, or that more money should be spent on enlargement and other projects of transcontinental importance. It is equally possible to support the single currency on the grounds that all economic of the hands of politicians and be vehemently against the extension of pan-European policies in all non-economic fields. Being an opponent of EMU does not necessarily imply opposition to European

ers should be elected, that

ideals or to the institutional development of the EU. It is time for opponents of EMU to reject the Eurosceptic label. We sceptics may turn out to be the real pro-Europeans. curlers, with a lousy script, in front of



"JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE."

When will we ever learn?

onight, a kind of Berlin Wall comes down — or at least is kicked with some vigour by an elegantly shod foot — when BBC2 sends the headmistress of Benenden, Gillian DuCharme, to work for a week as a supply teacher in a tough East London comprehensive at Forest Gate. Prepare to cringe, applaud, laugh, weep, and finally double up and bang your head against the floor in frustration.

It is not that either school is being deliberately shown up. This is not a mischievous exercise in class hostility like the time when Rugby School incautiously allowed the filming of an exchange with a Liverpool comprehensive. The agenda of that pro-gramme was plain from the start: cut from immemorial lawns to Toxieth. then film Rugbeians being dimly snobbish with their guests ("Don't you know how to play tennis? Eow!"). revealed nothing except class aiready.

This film is different because it is about teaching. Although it is duly pointed out that Benenden fees are ten times the budget-per-pupil at Forest Gate, the focus is not on facilities but on classroom tactics. Ms DuCharme, blonde, soignée and ladylike, genuinely wants to know what it is like on the other side of the tracks. A high-powered teaching head, she honestly admits to having no idea at all how the majority of her ofession operate in modern Britain. Unlike some, she is curious.

Forest Gate's head, on the other hand, expects her to be "pretentious" and allows himself jokes about hockeysticks and the name Du-Charme. "Very Middle England." Combatively, he tells her that his school aspires to the same excellence as hers. They circle one another warily: you know that the headmistress is not going to get away with her ingenuous claim that Benenden is a microcosm of society. You wonder what will happen when a woman who teaches thrice-filtered children all girls, all bright, all affluent - tries out her art on raw, multi-ethnic, mixed-ability junior Britain. You

tremble. You do right to tremble. Gillian DuCharme's first lesson. 4T English. is without qualification the most embarrassing scene to be televised since the episode of In At The Deep End when my unwary husband, Paul Heiney, attempted to do a stand-up comedy act dressed in a pinafore and

Head to head, this was an object lesson in the need to end educational apartheid

a huge, bored audience who went on

talking among themselves. The teacher has much the same experience. Even after stumbling through the register — "Ah — you must be Nigerian ... well, no, not you, British, obviously, I mean, your narents perhaps?" - she can't make the children sit down, can't make them stop talking, is shocked that they haven't bothered to bring their exercise books, baffled by the presence of a support teacher looking after "special needs" at the back, and more than a little terrified that the huge boys in the front row will start a

Watching barely supreal English teacher analyses her mistakes and expatiates on the right way to confront 40 children, from bright to dim, many of whom don't want to be

there, don't have parents egging them on, don't expect much of the

Mrs DuCharme is undaunted. With magnificent humility she accepts that it isn't the children's fault, or Forest Gate's, but hers. White and shaken, she says simply: "I had the wrong pitch, so my song was un-heard." Viewers of a nervous disposition will be relieved to know that her French lesson, with the top set, goes

What is so fascinating about the exercise is to see teachers at the two extremes communicating, for once, across their Berlin Wall. Normally, there is no forum where they meet. The Secondary Heads Association covers both sectors, but independents rarely turn up, and feel uncomfortable when they do. Yet children are children, learning is learning, and the fact that private and state schools feel no need to communicate is, for

my money, downright sinister.
On film, liberated by the cathartic horror of Mrs DuCharme's class, the two groups argue. The Benenden headmistress is appalled by mixedability teaching, says flatly that it seems political to her, and argues that special-needs children would do better having special sessions. The

Forest Gate contingent argue back, and are listened to because DuCharme has by now got a healthy

respect for anybody who can teach anything at all to 9T. The state teachers — who incidentally give the lie to idle middle-class chirruppings about their uselessness —criticise her technique. They think she "talks too much", instead of asking, listening, and interacting with the children.
This may not be true of Mrs DuCharme on her own ground, but is certainly a familiar fault of teachers in independents. Children who have experienced both systems

will tell you that one of the notorious failings of teachers at private schools is a lecturing style, which merely downloads information to docile. well-disciplined note-takers, without ever checking to see

whether it means anything to them. On the other hand, it is noticeable that the children of Forest Gate are pleased and flattered at Mrs DuCharme's punctilious politeness. They enjoy being respected. Not all hard-pressed teachers remember that.

So each side has something to learn from the other: and it could be that if this dreadful class-ridden nation could bring itself to unclench a little. then the polarised diversity of British education could be a source of enrichment, rather than just embar-

The Government has shown signs this year of wanting to make this happen. David Blunkett has spoken of partnership; Stephen Byers has attended one independent schools' forum and is on his way to another this month, promising concrete sug-gestions as to how independents can be of wider use. The Headmasters' Conference, that awesome forum of mutually grooming top-dogs, actually devoted an hour this autumn to a ession on "building bridges"; although observers say the general tone was of evasive vagueness and a terror that parents would not countenance too much generosity to hoi polloi. More hopefully IAPS, the prepheads' association, has plans to share its expertise with primary-school

Mostly, however, the justification for hanging on to lucrative charitable status rests where it always did - in airy claims that "excellence" is a good cause in itself even when reserved for the children of the rich, and in claims that the Duke of Edinburgh Award Group does jolly good work in the old folks' home and that the sixth form at Gordonstoun runs a fire brigade, so

But it's not enough, is it? Back in Benenden, safe amid her green acres. Mrs DuCharme told me it isn't. She has had the London teachers down to visit, received friendly messages from the children she taught there, and does not want to let the matter drop. Nor should the rest of us. There is plenty of scope for sharing:

not only swimming-pools, playing fields, labs, computers and music rooms. If you teach Russian and Spanish and the local comp doesn't, then why not take in keen pupils at a token rate? If Paradise Park prep has persuaded a real astronaut to come and give a lecture, or has a hot-air balloon coming, why not invite a couple of local primary classes round as a matter of course to share the fun? Come to that, why won't the silly beggars even play one another at football, when both have under-li teams within walking distance? If Swine Street High is a couple of flutes short of an orchestra, why not pick up the phone and swop with St Nob's, which needs basses? Why not pool specialist teachers? Run joint projects? Share a homework club run hy sixth-formers?

arriers to sensible co-opera-tion are obvious, but not edifying. Local authorities are chippy about private schools and reckon they can do without some Lady Muck's charity, thank you. Paying parents may not want their expensive moppets out-shone by nit-ridden incurres who are getting something for nothing. Teachers at independent schools are scared of tough kids, and state school teachers refuse to accept moneyed little beasts as real children with feelings. And so on.

None of it bears examination. What we have in Britain is a curiosity: a small enclave of education, precious in both senses of the word, which could both enrich the mainstream and be enriched by it. And, by and large, it isn't doing

Still a people of the book

Chris Smith says

public libraries

must remain free

ibraries used to be places where you had to be quiet. Today, with ten million people visiting them once a fortnight, they are full of children learning to love books, business people trawling for commercial information, and grannies surfing the Internet. Yesterday, to mark National Libraries Week, I announced a £3 million boost to modernise and improve their services, thanks to a partnership between my department and the Wolfson Foundation. Thirty projects will develop libraries' information technology and strengthen and en-hance their educational role.

Existing libraries aiready have tremendous support within their local communities — witness the way in which neighbourhoods rally round whenever they are under threat. It is this support on which we will build: think of how much more can be done where access is offered — alongside traditional services - to new forms

and sources of information.

The launch of the Library and Information Commission's report on information technology three weeks ago was a defining moment. It provides a vision for the future. talking of a service that can reach out to newly available global sources of information, drawing them down to neighbourhood level. It sets out how libraries can help us meet the challenges of the 21st century and ensure that everyone has equal access to the world's treasure house of information. No one should feel excluded from the opportunities pro-vided by the development of new technology, and libraries are the key

The cost of transforming libraries in this way will not come cheap. The key lies in developing partnerships between central and local government. ment and the private sector. This is precisely what we intend to achieve: we are already working on it. Bill Gates, of Microsoft, understands this. When I met him at Downing Street recently, he told me that he believed that public libraries were vital to bringing IT to ordinary people in the United States and he has already put some imaginative

ideas together to help this process. The Government's proposals for lifelong learning, and for the development of the National Grid for learning, both embrace public libraries and recognise the role they have in delivering education to everyone throughout their lives. They put libraries back at the heart of our

cultural life, where they belong. All the projects awarded funding today are designed to improve the services provided to the whole range of library users, but I am particularly pleased to see schemes which focus on the unemployed, the disabled and people from ethnic minorities. Libraries are a resource for local communities and should reflect their needs and interests. I want to throw open their doors and get everyone in, whether to borrow books, videos or CDs, or to use computers.

Libraries are, and will remain, one of the lynchoins of our cultural life, They are in a real sense the universities for ordinary people. They can provide access to new communications technology for those who cannot afford such facilities at home. They are the way to ensure we do not turn into a nation of information "haves" and "have nots".

Technological advances will deliver benefits to every citizen And libraries have a key role to play. But information technology, in whatever form, will never actually replace books. You can't, after all, curl up in bed at night with a computer. Books, quite rightly, will always be at the beart of the public always be at the heart of the public library system. And borrowing books from the library must remain a free

But libraries must take account of changing public expectations and the challenge of IT. The services they offer must be comprehensive and efficient, I am asking each library authority to prepare an annual library plan, and this week I will send every authority a framework and guidance notes for the preparation of this. The object is simple — to support each authority to develop its service to meet the demands of the com-

During the next few days a range of events will be taking place all over the country to draw people into libraries. They may not be current users. They may not be aware of the collections now on offer. They may have an old-fashioned view of libraries, conditioned by the stereotypes of the past rather than the realities of the present.

In the words of Ross Shimmon, the chief executive of the Library Association, in a recent Bookseller. "Libraries can be fun, surprising, relevant, helpful and sometimes vital." They should be all that - and, in my view, always vital.

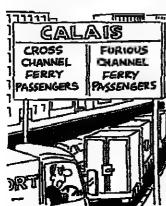
I believe in a thriving library service. It already provides a valuable service at the heart of our communities. Many people respect and rely on their libraries. National Libraries Week will enable more people to learn more about what their library has to offer.

The author is Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

Well suited

banquet next week, putting the Prime Minister at odds with his Chancellor who famously — and ostentatiously — wore a cheap lounge suit to the Lord Mayor's Mansion House dinner in May. Mr Blair commands his Cabinet to call him

Tony and talks with gusto about how his generation has moved on" from ceremony - note his cowboy attire at the G7 summit and his lounge suit at Trooping the Colour, Tradition, it seemed, was as archaic as your great aunt's Wolseley. Not so. Before the banquet, a Blair aide might have to



pop down to Moss Bross (white tie - £62.80 an evening) to hire a stiff one for the the first time since his days in court. "He didn't want to embarrass his host. He is the Lord Mayor's guest, after all," explains a source in his office. No harm cosying up to the City, either. As to whether Mr Blair passes

that crucial test of a gentleman an ability to tie a white bow -Downing Street will not be drawn. ● POOR Peter Mandelson. Despite possessing enough tactical awareness to thrash his rivals, he

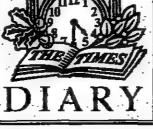
has been hit hard by his failure to

win a seat on the NEC. He is now

known as "the minister without".

Don't worry: it won't last. Gripping read

AN OCTAGENARIAN peer has



Deramore's work. Still Waters. suggests promise, but a casual reader might be surprised by the mechanical problems he deals with, including vaginismus.

"It's about a not very attractive girl who has a bad complex about a small bosom," says the sixth baron, now 85. "She falls in love with a married man and when they go to bed, finds they can't have sex. She has frightful cramp." His inspiration, he suggests, came from an article on this awkward condition in this newspaper. Admiting that the book is explicit, he insists his colis not vulgar." Pause. "At least I hope it's not." leagues will not be too shocked, "It

OUR old friend, the German proved hearts still beat in the Upper House: he has knocked off his first erotic novel. The title of Lord

sense of humour has returned. Chancellor Kohl is reputed to be starring in an Air Force One-style

G. K. CHESTERTON, author of the Father Brown stories, who was

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action movie in which he saves Germany, then the world, and in a final twist gets re-elected. The Christian Democrat propaganda film has a working title Out of Oggersheim - Kohl's home town. Author's note: Kohl faces a struggle to gain re-election.

In the pink

TONY BANKS, Britain's favourite sports minister who sends Blair's damage limitation team into panic whenever he opens his trap, continues his bold career strategy tonight: he is guest speaker at a London gay pub.

The invitation to fill the inaugural "Talking Heads" spot at the Joiners' Arms in the East End went out to the Member for West Ham after he co-operated fulsomely with Mr David Pollard, its landlord, in a pre-election interview for Thud, a pink organ. The minister was coy when I tackled him yesterday. "I don't have the foggiest idea what I will say yet," he admitted. "But I have been a supporter of gay rights for years." Good luck.

Was he kosher?

reputedly a right-wing, anti-Semite, is to receive support from an unexpected corner. Gerald Kaufman, the Labour MP and big bagel in the Jewish community. is expected to admit his adoration for the author next week when he delivers the seventeenth annual lecture of the Chesterton Society. Its title? Father Brown — Brownshirt? Rob-ert Hughes, the secretary, said: "It is not widely accepted that Chesterton was anti-Semitic. Mr Kaufman is a well read Chestertonian and a distinguished Jew. We hope he will throw light on the subject." As if it

Howard's end

NOW that her husband is no longer Home Secretary, Sandra Howard is curtailing her charitable commitments. Michael Howard's wife, a former model, has worked for the Cancer Research Campaign for more than 15 years. But she was notably absent from its fundraising bash at Fitzroy Square the

Michael Howard pitched up instead, but he was a poor replacement. "She was too busy to come," he snapped. "She's already done an awful lot for them." She has, I gather, resigned from the appeals committee. "She has not shared



Signing off: Sandra Howard

with us her innermost reasons for leaving," says a campaigner there. But she probably thinks it is time to move on." One of the benefits, perhaps, of losing office.

SCENE: William Hague heading towards a door marked "Victim Support Group". Cue: aide dashing over to cover sign. Would a Blair aide have felt the need?

JASPER GERARD



RIGHTS AND RISKS

An urgent case for the Lord Chancellor

The core of the Government's case for incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights is that it will enlarge the freedoms of British citizens under the law and make it easier for them to seek legal redress. It has stressed that it sees the convention as a barrier against abuse of state power. But although this is the spirit in which the convention was framed, it contains conflicting clauses; the courts are required to strike a balance between them, Because the convention is a broad brush statement of principles. British judges will have extensive leeway for interpretation.

There is thus a risk that in reconciling the different articles of the convention, freedoms that have long obtained in this country could actually be restricted. This is particularly so of the right "to receive and impart information". Article 10 of the convention, which defines that right, qualifies it by reference to a broadly framed number of "duties and responsibilities"; and it is further qualified by Article 8, which will almost certainly be interpreted as the legal basis for judges to develop a common law of privacy.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, said as much yesterday as he introduced the second reading of the Human Rights Bill. He thus found himself saying both that the Government has no intention of bringing in a privacy law because it firmly believes that 'effective self regulation" by the press is "the best way forward" - and that a "law of privacy will be a better law after incorporation" because under Article 10 judges would be required to give freedom of expression "its due high value". He squared this circle by arguing that "regardless of incorporation, the judges are very likely to develop a common law right of privacy themselves". Parliament, he would appear to accept, is

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powerless in this matter. There is already legal precedent to support Lord Irvine's assessment. In 1995 for example, Hellewell v Chief Justice of Derbyshire ruled that a picture taken with a telephoto lens breached the law of confidence just as the theft of a letter would have done. The judge specifically opined that confidence law would in this instance be protecting what might reasonably be called a right of privacy". But as the European Commission on Human Rights ruled in 1986, the absence of such a law in Britain does not breach Article 8, because other laws such as trespass and confidence already provided considerable protection. So do laws of copyright, defamation, and the new Protection from Harassment Act. So, importantly, does the Press Complaints Commission. If the Government is seriously opposed to a privacy law, it should be alert to the danger of

appearing to invite the courts to frame one. Declaring that "press freedom will be in safe hands", Lord Irvine sought yesterday to allay some concerns. He clearly intended his strictures against resort, under Article 8, to injunctions preventing newspapers from publishing an article to be given great weight by judges, whom he expects to allow a public interest defence. Tony Blair would do well to add to this a firm declaration in the House of Commons that Britain does not require a common law right to privacy to comply with the convention and that the courts must uphold freedom of expression.

But ministerial declarations of intent, however sincere, may not suffice. The Human Rights Bill itself does not address either this or other practical matters: it is concerned only with incorporating the convention, and not with guiding the judiciary in its task of interpretation. British judges have a pronounced partiality to injunctions; and while they are allowed to draw on what has been said in Parliament when interpreting the law, that is not the same as requiring them to do so.

As the Government has recognised, it is almost impossible to frame privacy laws without protecting those who do not merit protection, the unjust as well as the just. Once the convention is incorporated, judges could draw on precedents from countries such as France which impose unacceptable restrictions on the press. To prevent legal actions in cases that are better dealt with under self-regulation, and to protect the freedom of information which is deeply rooted in British tradition, the Government's best course would be an amendment to this Bill. This should state that neither the media nor the Press Complaints Commission are "public bodies" within the meaning of Article 8. Now that the Government has formally admitted that incorporation will open the door to a court-made privacy law, to leave the problem in the lap of the courts cannot be an adequate response. An amend-_ ment would have to be carefully framed; but Lord Irvine should be equal to the challenge.

NOISES ON AND OFF

Smith grasps the nettles in the Garden

Spurred by the rising sense of panic at the Royal Opera House - and the mountainous £5 million deficit which is growing daily — Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, has made a bold and unexpected move. He has asked Sir Richard Eyre to lead a review that will consider how the redeveloped Covent Garden could become the home not only of the Royal Opera and Royal Bailet, as at present, but also of English National Opera - which is facing a financial crisis almost as acute as its rival.

Under the plan the three companies would mount their large-scale productions at Covent Garden, and tour other London and national venues in turn. However, nobody in the opera world has any illusions about the long-term reality of this project: London would have one opera house where now it has two.

That will distress many music-lovers. But it increasingly seems to be the only viable way forward. English National Opera's financial situation is almost as dire as Covent Garden's, and its own research suggests that £60 million would be needed to convert the London Coliseum into a longterm home suitable for its future needs. Another large lottery grant to London opera is out of the question.

By moving to Covent Garden, ENO could share many of the vast expenses of grand opera with the Royal Opera. There is no reason why it should not retain its own vernacular production style and its distinctive audience base, at least to start with. There would be no need for it to charge premium Royal Opera prices. Then the Coliseum could become the large-scale dance house that London sorely lacks.

Such logic, however, rarely enters the wonderful world of opera. Mr Smith is now facing the political fight of his life. The private benefactors who have poured millions of pounds into the Royal Opera House development will be furious. Sharing the Crush Bar with "the People's Opera" was never part of their vision. And the powerful theatre unions will be equally outraged sensing an end to their antique working

Those, however, are encouraging signs. For too long, London's operatic life has been run according to the whims of vested interests. The taxpayer has not been given a good deal, and neither has the opera-lover. Mr Smith is to be congratulated on grasping the nettle with the nastiest sting in his garden. He should not be deterred by the subsequent chorus of disapproval.

THE KIWI COUP

Rare foreign sightings for the next New Zealand leader

The scenario is all too familiar. The leader of a faraway country attends an international conference abroad. He greets his fellow leaders as old friends, signs solemn declarations, commits his people to progress and democracy and returns home to savour his triumph, only to find that he has been ousted in a coup. The hapless president usually manages a quick escape across the border. while his followers languish in jail, his policies are reversed, his admirers change coats and his tyranny is denounced. It is a pattern that the wisest have learnt to avoid by simply staying at home.

Jim Bolger must now be wishing he had never set out for the Commonwealth conference. For the traditional method of changing government in "emerging" democracies has now reached the Antipodes: New Zealand has witnessed its first coup.

A quick escape is hardly possible: Australia is more than a thousand miles away, and Tonga might not have an empty beach hut for a controversial fugitive. America is even farther over the horizon. Mr Bolger has therefore opted for a strategy of unusual sang-froid: the pretence that all is well, and that he is merely bowing out after seven satisfying years. He will, meanwhile, remain in office till the end of the month, attend another economic conference in Canada, make an official visit to China and then handover to an unnamed successor in an "orderly transition." A coup in the temperate zones is so civilised.

It is, of course, nothing of the kind. The plotters gathered as soon as the prime ministerial plane vanished into the blue. Jenny Shipley, watching from her South Island farm, saw her chance. Mr Bolger has been a doughty fighter, pushing through privatisation and welfare reform so sweeping that international right-wingers arrived in droves to see if the new political bird could fly further than a Kiwi. He has borrowed policies from Australia - such as abolishing the monarchy - and played the genial host to the Queen at a Commonwealth conference. But recently he has grown careless. A week in Edinburgh might have been

possible, had not his absence been prolonged with a state visit to France. And he should have been more careful of the company he kept: Winston Peters, his half-Maori coalition partner, now has a popularity rating of a mere two per cent, less than the margin of polling error.

Rows, feuds, splits and deals seem destined now to be the hallmark of Wellington politics. Mrs Shipley was the brains behind the vaunted health and social security reforms; now she wants straightforward power. She is a commanding figure, physically and intellectually, and intends to stamp a new authority on her government. Mr Bolger has a few more weeks to pack his ministerial boxes; he then joins the long list of those overthrown while travelling abroad. Europeans will probably see little of Mrs Shipley here.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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had on her side was of the highest lev-

el possible. Indeed, she had a defense

which could have only been afforded

by the ultra wealthy in America. And now she has the additional benefit of

favorable public opinion and sympa-

thetic headlines on numerous Ameri-

I have no idea whether, or to what

extent Louise Woodward was respon-

sible for the death of the child who was in her care. But I do know that

she had, and still has, every protection

and advantage imaginable that a cri-

minal defendant in America could

Sir, Manifestly, what burdens the

court now in Louise Woodward's case

is that a troubled jury has found her

guilty; but what matters more is whe-

ther she is in truth guilty, for a jury

Clearly a vast concourse of people

have a compelling intuition that Miss

Woodward is innocent. Inter alia, this

is a very real consideration. The law

and the legal process are there to help attain justice not to contain it.

finding, in itself, proves nothing.

can front pages.

hope for.

Sincerely,

RANDY J. MANILOFF

From Mr Peter George

Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087.

Attorney at law).

5 Lantern Lane,

Yours faithfully,

PETER GEORGE.

Charles Russell (solicitors).

8-10 New Fetter Lane, EC4.

From Mr Hugh M. W. Harris

ordeal" (November 1) you write:

Sir, In your leading article "Trial and

Attempts to shift the blame on to them (the parents of Matthew Eappen) simply for their decision to pursue medical careers

and employ an au pair are vindictive and

If Louise Woodward was a properly

qualified nursery nurse that might be

fair comment, but it could be unwise

to give so much responsibility to a

young girl who came simply as an au

It is my understanding that an au

pair is an untrained person who

comes to help a mother, but not to

take full charge.

November 1.

Trial on television: Woodward verdict under scrutiny

From Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC

Sir, Before the clamour over the verdict in the Louise Woodward trial dies down (letters, November 1) and the international audience of armchair jurors flick on to the next channel, some serious issues need to be addressed.

In criminal cases, whenever there is an unpopular verdict or a sentence said to be too high or too low, there are clarion calls (seemingly orchestrated by parts of the media) for the overhaul of the legal system and/or the dismissal of judge(s) and/or the abolition of trial by jury.

The family and friends of persons accused of heinous crimes cannot believe that their relation is capable of committing an atrocity. The families themselves are blameless and deserve sympathy. That they may challenge the verdict and express dismay, disbelief and loss of confidence in the legal system at home or abroad is un-

surprising. But few people outside the law have a detailed understanding of its mechanisms. No one has devised a better, lairer or more democratic system than trial by jury. The American model is based on our own but with their refinements. We tolerate majority verdicts: they require unanimity. We take the jurors as we find them: they allow the parties to choose them. We allow the judge to comment on the facts, often to the disadvantage of the defend-ant they only permit him to direct the jury on the law. We do not have cameras in the courts: they may now regret converting real-life trials into circus-like spectacles.

There is nothing intrinsically bad or fundamentally different about the American system. No one is entitled to condemn it on the strength or weakness of one over-exposed case.

Yours faithfully. RONALD THWAITES. 10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

From Mr Andrew Edis, QC

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg's article today, "Private prejudice and public justice" is interesting and level-headed, but I do not agree with his conclusion that the Louise Woodward case adds support to the televising of trials in the United Kingdom.

The American prosecutors charged Miss Woodward with murder when they ought not to have done. They also made submissions in an emotional manner which no British prosecutor would have tried, or been allowed, to

wonder? The prosecutors behaved as they did for the same reason that our

must always talk tough on sentencing. It sells, Marcia Clark was publicly vilified for her failure in the O. J. Simpson case. Television can apply pressure to perhaps undistinguished which they may easily succumb.

Mogg, after a lifetime of print journal-ism, now feels that, at decisive moments, television can involve the public in a way no other system of com-

Yours faithfully, ANDREW EDIS,

Sir. Massachusetts has been televising its appellate and trial courts since April 1980. The advisory committee which supervised the early transmissions reported that televising proceedings had given the public "an enhanced awareness" of the justice system in

William Rees-Mogg was no doubt making the same point when he observed that it is the fact that Louise Woodward's trial was televised that now provides her with her best chance.

the public, in a way that would not otherwise have been possible. Is this the principle of justice being seen to be

Yours faithfully. JONATHAN CAPLAN (Chairman, Bar Council Report, Televising the Courts, 1989). 5 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.

From Mr Randy J. Maniloff

imitate. One decision after hearing the defence medical evidence could have been not to proceed further with the trial; was that ever really considered, I

Home Secretary and his predecessors and therefore vulnerable lawyers to

On the letters page today, some con-cerns are expressed about the wisdom of allowing lawyers to have too great a personal stake in the outcome of civil cases in the "no win, no fee" connection. The validity of these concerns is illustrated for anyone who is doubtful by what has happened to Louise

It is perhaps ironic that Lord Rees-

18 St John Street, Manchester 3.

From Mr Jonathan Caplan, QC

the state courts.

The camera has allowed the proceedings to be open, and observed by

done (or not) in action?

November 3.

Sir, The quality of counsel and expert witnesses which Louise Woodward

Yours faithfully, H. M. W. HARRIS, Fir Tree Cottage, Tompsets Bank, November 3.

vice "is slowly losing heart", it is diffi-

cult to see why the emotions of immi-

Gypsy asylum-seekers

Sir. In his letter of October 28 Mr. Peter Tomokins, a former head of the UK Immigration Service, states that the last Government

From Mr Q. S. Anisuddin

decided to give Illegal entrants who claim asylum a right of appeal before removal which had never existed previously and which was certainly not required by the 1951 UN convention on refugees.

This is simply not so. The right of appeal against refusal to grant entry has existed in all cases since the operation of the Immigration Act 1971.

In asylum cases, immigration officers are required to take decisions which are consistent with the United Kingdom's obligations under the 1951 UN refugee convention. Thus, if a passenger claims asylum at the port of entry (or after entering the country). irrespective of whether his presence is legal or illegal, he is not returned until his claim has been investigated in accordance with Article 33 of that Con-

The UNHCR Handbook on Procedures and Criteria for Determining Refugee Status urges that an appli-cant who has been refused entry should be given a reasonable time to appeal for a formal reconsideration of the decision. This right of appeal which is enshrined in the Convention. was given by the last Government to all asylum seekers under the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 (Section 8). Mr Tompkins is wrong to portray that laudable decision as a blemish on the government record.

He is equally wrong in stating that those refused entry "can apply for asyhum and expect to remain here for many years, if not for the rest of their

Sir, The Prime Minister is extremely

interested in ensuring that every

school has access to the Internet flet-

ters, October 15). This is considered to

Oxfordshire is currently so short of

funds that in mid-October it nomi-

nated thirty libraries for closure. Our

local library, which is very well pat-

ronised by all age groups, but espe-cially the young and the elderly, is one of those threatened. Local children use

the libraries for project work. All too

often the state schools have inad-

equate resources (article, Education,

October 31) and extra material is

The Internet is a marvellous new

tool, However, before more is invested

in this technology the libraries, which

are an educational resource for the

whole of society, should be maintain-

borrowed from the libraries.

ed and adequately financed.

Yours faithfully,

27 Capel Close,

TRICIA MILLER,

Value of libraries

be an educational advance.

From Mrs P. A. Miller

lives". In my experience asylum claims at ports are being decided in an average period of three months, and decisions on in-country asylum claims are taking an average of four months. The 1993 Act, introduced "fast track" procedures for disposal of asylum appeals. Appeals from nationals of a country on the Home Secretary's "white list" are being disposed of summarily.

For some years now we have noticed a deepening anti-immigrant and anti-asylum attitude in a number of immigration officers, Mr Tompkins's letter seems to be consistent with that

Yours faithfully, Q. S. ANISUDDIN (Vice-Chairman, UK Immigration Service, 1975-92). 9 High Street, Southall, Middlesex. October 29.

From Mr David Burgess

Sir, It was the appeals of my Polish Romany clients which, in November 1996, secured protection as refugees for Janina, brutalised and raped at the age of 22, and in July 1997 for four others who, a special adjudicator stated, had been discriminated against from birth in the fields of education, employment, housing and protection from criminal activities

No doubt my Czech client Jan, who has experienced similar discrimination and whose wife was raped and murdered, would find it difficult to understand why all "Romany asylumseekers from Eastern Europe" should be identified with "false" asylum-seekers and "illegal entrants" as they are in Mr Tompkins's letter. Although Mr Tompkins finds it un-

surprising that the Immigration Ser-

Army recruitment

From Mr Paul Yeoman Sir, I was somewhat dismayed to read (reports, October 28 and 30) that the Army is hoping to recruit the home-less and jobless in our society, who 'deserve another chance".

It is a shame that the Army did not give another chance to all those it retired a few years ago as a result of the disastrous "Options for Change" policy, when many officers and soldiers Perhaps the recruiment problems

the Army are presently experiencing stem from this misguided policy. Yours faithfully. PAUL YEOMAN.

4 Hildenley Close, Scarborough, North Yorkshire. pveoman@aol.com October 30.

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gration officers should be so closely linked to the numbers of asylum-seekers removed. Perhaps Mr Tompkins recalls the headier times, only eight years ago, when upbeat immigration officers were heavily engaged, unlawfully and often forcibly, removing asylum-seekers so as to prevent them effecting asylum claims. Dozens of court actions against the

Home Office were settled and substantial compensation was paid as a

Yours faithfully, DAVID BURĞESS. Winstanley-Burgess (solicitors), 378 City Road, EC1. October 28.

From Mr Brian Parkinson

Sir, Your leading article of October 21, The asylum trap", incorrectly states that "ferry operators, unlike airlines, are not held legally liable for having accepted [asylum-seekers] as pas-

Despite their far cheaper fares, ferry operators are in fact liable for the same costs as the airlines, both as regards the repatriation of passengers refused entry to the UK and - unlike the rail operators of Le Shuttle and Eurostar - the E2,000-per-head penalty for persons arriving with inadequate documentation.

Yours faithfully. BRIAN PARKINSON (Secretary, Ferry Section), Chamber of Shipping, 12 Carthusian Street, ECI. brian.parkinson@ british-shipping.org

October 21.

From Mr Richard Worsley Sir. The Army deserves much credit

for its initiative in offering employment to jobless and homeless young people. It could usefully be followed by other employers as they start to ex-

perience shortages in recruitment

associated with the demographic de-

cline in the number of young people. What is distinctly unhelpful is your report likening the initiative to the less creditable recruiting methods during the Napoleonic and Crimean Wars. There are two crucial differences; this is an offer, not a Hobson's choice, and it is being made to young people of potential who have not been convicted of a serious offence and whose predica-

ment has often arisen through no fault This thoroughly sensible develop-ment is far less likely to flourish and be followed by others if it is wrongly likened to the enforced enlistment of criminals.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WORSLEY, St Anthony's Cottage, Burnham Norton, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Call to Vatican to open wartime files

From Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir, Your report today of the positive response by the Chief Rabbi of Rome to the Pope's condemnation of the Christian role in anti-Semitism, and your own editorial comment upon it, Pope and Papon", throw into sharp relief a major step forward in the frequently turbulent, often tragic, history of the relationship between the Church in Rome and the Jewish

people.

The papal statement, which will be followed by a more formal declaration next year, underlines Pope John Paul's determined efforts to repair the relations between Catholics and those to whom he referred in 1986 as "elder brothers". Significantly, he is the first Pope to pay homage in a concentration camp, the first to attend a syna-gogue and the first to preside over a ceremony of commemoration for the

victims of the Holocaust. The Pope has been to the fore in welcoming and encouraging Christian-Jewish dialogue as a vital first step to closer and better understanding be-tween the two faiths. In recent months he has given his blessing to the inclusion of the Muslim faith within that

Those of us who regard the Pope as our powerful and sympathetic advocate in tearing away the walls of hosti-lity and misunderstanding which have characterised Christian and Jewish relations in every century, pray that he will be bold enough to take one further and historically cleansing decision: to throw open the wartime Vatican files insofar as they relate to Nazis and Jews and the relations of both with the Catholic Church.

Fifty years on and amidst a swirl of rumour and counter-rumour, it is difficult to believe that, with Pope John Paul at the helm, anything of lasting damage can emerge from what now can only be regarded as footnotes, albeit important ones, to the history of a century which is about to close. They

should remain hidden no longer. Yours sincerely. 5. STERNBERG (Life President), The Sternberg Centre for Judaism. The Manor House.

Charity shops

80 East End Road, N3.

November 3.

to the Treasury Sir, Mark Henderson's report of October 31. "Tax-break review threatens future of charity shops", fails to recognise that the Government's review of charity taxation, launched in res-

ponse to calls by charities for a fresh look at the system. is an open review. In my speech to the Charities' Aid Foundation yesterday. I specifically urged charities to offer their suggestions, however large or small, on how to make the tax system fairer and simpler. The closing date for submissions is December 1 this year, and 1 hope that charities and other interested parties take this unique opportunity to

make their voices heard. Yours faithfully, DAWN PRIMAROLO, Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SWI. October 31.

The wrong company

From Mr Tim Gomersall

Sir. The Internet seems to be breaking down many barriers of communication, not least that of formality in correspondence. I have discovered this over the past year while seeking employment via e-mail.

Having sent my CV to addresses which use such e-mail names as "ted-dybear", "hammerhead" and "R2-D2". I find myself actually hoping for responses suggesting I'm not their kind of person.

Yours faithfully, TIM GOMERSALL, Hughes Parry Hall, Cartwright Gardens, WCI. tgomersall@hotmail.com November 1.

A good read

From Mr Alan C. Wells

Sir, Eager to promote their wines and tempt the English palate, Italian winegrowers are now adding English to their labels. Seen recently on the label of a bottle of red wine in the heart of Chianti country were the words "fine with read meats, roast birds and pigs". We got the message: and the wine was delicious.

Yours faithfully. ALAN WELLS. 5 York Road, Ashford, Kent. November 2.

Cuts both ways

From Brigadier R. A. Cook

Sir. I note from today's Diary that there is to be a new unisex hairdressing salon at Westminster. I have had my hair cut by unisex barbers for I have the honour to be. Sir.

your obedient servant, R. A. COOK, 3 Meadow Court, Whiteparish, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Chexilizato.



COURT CIRCULAR

this morning attended an Inter-

national Symposium of Motor Neu-rone Disease Associations at the Glasgow Hillon Hotel, William

Glasgow Hillon Hotel, William Street, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness. President. Save the Children Fund, later visited shops at 165 Byres Road and 220 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

The Princess Royal, President, the Proports Royal Trust for Carers, this

Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon attended the Twenty Fifth Anniversary Luncheon of the Dixon

Anniversary Linciteon of the Daton
Community at City Chambers,
George Square, Glasgow.
Her Royal Highness, President,
The Princess Royal Trust for Carers,
afterwards attended the Prudential
Carers Initiative — Carers Calendar
Schools Competition Awards at
Kirkstane House, St Vincent Street.

Glasgow.
The Princess Royal, Honorary
President the Scortish Motor Neurone Disease Association, this evening attended the Annual Dinner at

November 3: The Prince of Wales this

November 3: The Prince of Wates mis morning visited St. Lucla Nature Reserve and Ubuhlebernvelo Public High School, North Dukuduku, South Africa, was received by the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal (Dr. Ben

Ngubane) and inspected new library facilities and met local residents. His Royal Highners arrived in

Durban this afternoon.

The Prince of Wales visited Kwamakutha township, met residents and builders of an affordable

idents and builders of an attordable housing development and viewed a building skills training centre.

His Royal Highness later visited Durban Harbour Port buildings and met participants in the United Kingdom and South Africa Ports and Harbours Seminar, before touring Durban Harbour.

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The Prince of Wales afterwards attended a Civic Reception given by the Mayor of Durban at the City

His Royal Highness this evening amended a Dinner given by the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal at the

International Congress

the Glasgow Hilton Hotel.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 2: The Duke of York today visited Northern Ireland and was received by Mr Anthony Worthington MP (Parliamentary Under-Sec-retary of State, Northern Ireland

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this morning opened the new Regimental Museum at St Patrick's Barracks, Salbanas St Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Antrim (the Lord O'Neill).

Antim (the Lord O'Neill).

The Duke of York. Colonel-inChief, this afternoon attended the
Annual Service of Remembrance of
The Royal Irish Regiment at St
Anne's Cathedral. Belfast, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast (Colonel Elliott Wilson). November 3: The Duke of Edin-burgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, today attended the Sixth

International Award Forum in Mellington, New Zealand.

His Royal Highness, Life Member,
this evening attended a Reception for
the Aviation Industry Association of New Zealand Incorporated at the

Wellington Club. November 3: The Duke of York this at the University of Nottingham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutement of Nottinghamshire (Str Andrew Buchanan Bi).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the William Alvey Junior School, Eastgare, Sleaford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire (Mrs Brid-

get Cracroft-Eley).

The Duke of York afterwards opened the Shaw Linc Centre.

Broadgate House, Westlode Street, Spaiding, Lincolnshire.

November 3: The Prince Edward. Trustee and Chairman of the Inter-national Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, continued his visit to Wellington, New Zealand, for the Sixth International Award Forum. His Royal Highness today at-tended the Forum at the Michael Fowler Centre. November 3: The Duke of Kent. Patron, the Institute of Export, this afternoon attended the annual graduation and prizegiving ceremony at Mansion House, London ECA.

The Prince Edward attended a Dinner this evening at Government

Royal engagements

The Ouern will hold an investiture at

The Princess Royal, as patron, the Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison Perth. Edinburgh Road, at 10.30; and.

as patron, Sense - the National Dealblind and Rubella Association.

will open a residential home and visit

Princess Margaret, as president. NSPCC, will award the Thames

Valley Chamber business luncheon. Cliveden, Buckinghamshire, at 12.20.

in aid of the society's Home Counties.

dgation Unit appeal. The Duke of Gloucester will open the Resources Centre. Derby University. at 10.55; will open the new Derby Independent Grummar School for

ngham Palace at 11.00.

November 3: The Princess Royal. Honorary President, the Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Relics of amateur spy shot in Tower go on sale

Poignant appeal in letter from wife

THE haunting tones of a violin playing Vesti la giubba from the opera Pagliacci drifted over the hattlements of the Tower of London at dawn on October 19. 1915. Just before 7am the player kissed his violin, say-ing "Goodbye, I shall not want you any more" and was led to his death by firing souad. He was Fernando Buschmann, aged 25, executed as a First World War

A moving collection of letters written by him just before his execution, and by his wife after his death, are to be auctioned by Phillips in London on November 13.

They were kept by Henry Francis Garrett, a lawyer who had befriended him during his imprisonment in the Tow-er, and they include his death certificate, the charge sheet against him stamped secret, typescripts of a letter he wrote and, most moving of all. a letter from his widow to Garrett pleading for details of her husband's last hours.

Buschmann was one of a number of bungling amateur spies executed in the Tower, whose stories were told in Leonard Sellars' recent book Shot in the Tower. Buschmann, who was brought up in Brazil, was given by his German spymasters the cover of a commercial traveller in cheese, bananas, potatoes and safety razors. He was lodged in a hotel in the Strand so well known as a stopping place for spies that it was trawled regularly by the authorities. And so, after only



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Fernando Buschmann, executed as a German spy in the Tower of London

a few months in London, he was captured, tried and

condemned. After his death his wife wrote to Henry Garrett say-ing: "My husband told me that you would tell me all about him & I entreat you heartily tell me all of his last days & months ... had he much to suffer . . . was it quite impossible for him to write to me ... did he hope to get freedom? ... Have you preserved his rings & violin. which he promised to send to me? Was he allowed to keep his violin till his last days? . .

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Part of the typescript of a letter Buschmann wrote to a lawyer on the eve of his execution in 1915

Institute of Physics

The following have been elected Fellows of the Institute of Physics: Dr Norman Apsley, DERA. Professor John Baldwin, FRS. Cambridge University.
Professor John Brady, Oxford University.
Professor Adrian Cruise, Birmingham University. Mr Kenneth Dobson, Editor. Physies Education. Dr Richard Hollins, DERA.

Mr Ian Lawrence, The King's School, Worcester. The Rev Dr John Polkinghome, KBE, FRS, formerly of Queen's College, Cambridge.
Professor Giazinto Scoles, Prince ton University, United States. Professor Alan Windle, Cambridge University. Professor Jean-Pierre Briand

Pierre et Marie Curie Universite Professor David Clary, University College, London. Dr Roger Forty, CERN, Geneva.

Anniversaries

reigned with Queen Mary II 1689-94 and after her death until 1702, The Hague, 1650; Eden Philipotts, novelist, Mount Abu, Rajasthan, India, 1862.

DEATHS: John Benbow, admiral, died of his wounds, Port Royal, Jamaica, 1702; Felix Mendelssohn, composer, Leipzig, 1847; George Peabody, American philanthro-pist, London, 1869; Wilfred Owen, poet, killed in action, France, 1918; Gabriel Faure, composer, Paris,

The first successful experiment using chloroform as an anaesthetic was carried out by Sir James Young Simpson, Edinburgh, 1847.

JOM (Junny) LVO MEE MC died at his home in Poldana, Nepal on 1st November aged 81. A Sherpa Buddhist cremation took place on Sunday 2nd November. Thus will be a memorial service at 11 am Wednesday 5th howember on the bunds of the Seti River near Poldana van die dee will be scattered as per his wishes. Donathous to the Guntha Welfare Trust, 88 Baker Street, London Wild 2AX.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr O.M. Bedford and Miss C.A. Mickelson The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Oliver Bedford,

The Blues and Royals, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bedford, of Ringmer Park, Lewes, East Sussex, and Catherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Carl Mickelson, of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. Mr N.P. James and Miss M.J. Allen

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Michael James, of Langland Swansea, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Allen, of Clapton-in-Gordano, Bristol.

And Mrs Alan Kay, of Welling, Kept and Mrs Alan Kay, of Welling, Kept and Alixa and Alan Kay, of Welling, Kept and Alixa and A Kent, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Wright, of

Mr W.T.C. Pryor and Miss M.O. Bonnova
The engagement is announced between William Pryor, son of Stephen and Caroline, of London and Masha Bozunova, daughter of Oleg and Irina, of St Petersburg. Mr S. Rowland

and Miss A. Howards The engagement is armounced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs W.J. Rowland, of Chelte Gloucestershire, and Antonia, daughter of Mrs S.E. Howatch, of Leatherhead, Surrey. Mr J.M. Smith

Mr J.M. oman and Mint Z.G. Evens The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Dr and Mrs Glies Smith, of Sapiston, Suffolk and Zoe, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Barrie Evans, of

Mr D.A. Hines and Miss LM.C. Barnard The engagement is announced between Douglas Anthony, son of Mr Anthony Hines, of Wadhurst, Sussex, and Mrs David Howell, of Ropley, Hampshire, and Louise Madeline Claire, elder daughter of

Mr David Barnard and the late Mrs David Barnard, of Burpham,

Mr J.Lde C. Sabey and Miss K.D. Wagg

The engagement is announced between Jasper, son of Mr Michael Sahey, of Antibes, France, and Mrs Louise Sahey, of Puney, London, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Wagg, of Stockwell, London.

Mr R.B. Turner and Miss LM. Bound

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of the late Mr J.B. Turner and of Mrs J. Turner, of Soham, Cambridgeshire, and Jennifer, eldest daughter of the late Dr. H. Bound and of Mrs. P. Bound, of St Peter Port, Guernsey.

Marriage

Mr D.S. Bowring and Mrs M.A. Barnett

The marriage took place on Octo-ber 25 in Christ's Chapel. Dulwich, of Mr Duncan Bowring, younger son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Bowring, of Halton Park, Lancaster, and Mrs Melissa Barnett, daughter of Lieutenant Colone and Mrs Gordon Lorimer, of Seale, Farnham.

The bride was attended by Camilla, Annabel, Frederick and Alice Bowring, and Tabitha and Mailliew Barnest.

University news

Trinity College Riected into a Professorial Fellowship under Title D: Peter Brent Littlewood, Professor of Physics (1966) Elected Into Staff Fello Sachiko Kusukawa, College Assistant Lecturer in History and

Philisophy of Science. Vivien Anne Law, College Lecturer in Linguistics and University Lecturer in History of Linguistics. John Ronald Lister, College Lec-turer in Mathematics and Univer-

sity Lecturer in Theoretical Goophysics. Mary Teresa Josephine Webber. College Lecturer in Palaeography. Elected into Research Fellow thips under Tale A: Anthony Roger Wilson Cox, for research in History.

Andrew George Green, for re-search in Physics. Ananya Jahanara Kabir, for re search in Anglo-Saton. Priyamvada Natarajan, for research in Astrophysics.

Oliver Maxim Riordan, for research in Mathematics. John Paul Darman Taras-Semchuk, for research in Physics.

Darwin College lennifer Alice Clack and Gillian Elaine Jones have been elected into Official Pellowships of Darwin College, Cambridge.

Latest wills

Sir John George Figgers, a director of Christie, Manson and Woods, 1973-82, of Middleton Stoney, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at 1985,186 net. Baroness Joan Frances de Styreau, of Tunbridge Wells. Kent, left estate valued at £240,510 net.

Boys, at II.45; as Grand Prior. Order of St Juhn, will visit the St John Ambulance Headquarters. Chester-field, at 1.50; and will visit Ashe Green Specialist Learning Disability Service Centre, Chesterfield, at 2.35. Later, as patron. London Playing Field Society, will attend a dinner at the Savoy Hotel at 7.40 to mark his 21

The £1 million prize in the Premium years as parron.

The Duke of Kent, president of the council, King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, will preside at a council meeting. Beaumont Street. WI, at 10.00.

Birthdays today Mr C.J. Bacon, Headmaster, Dean Close School, Cheltenham, 60: Dr Jean Balfour, former chairman, Countryside Commission for Scotland, 70: Mr Walter Cronkite, American broadcaster. 81: Lieutenan/General Sir Hugh Cunningham, 76: the Earl of Denbigh and Desmond, 27: Lady Dugdale, a Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen, 74: Mr Russell Evans, former chalrman, Rank Organisation, 75: Professor A.J. Forty, former Principal, Stirling University, 69: Mr R.A. Henderson-former chalrman. R.A. Henderson-former chalman. Kleinwort Benson Group. 80: Viscount Hereford, 65: Mr Elgar Howarth, musician, 62: Professor Jeffrey Jowell, Professor of Public Law, University College London. 59: Air Commodore Philippa Marshall, former director. WRAF, 77: Mr Michael Meacher, MP, 58: Professor London Details EDS observer 58: Air R.A. Hens

Joseph Rotbiat, FRS, physicist, 89; Air Commandant Dame Anne Stephens, former director, WRAF, 85.

Premium Bonds

Bond draw for November was won with bond number 22KF 362485. The

Peter Roberts

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Peter Roberts, Managing Editor. The Times, 1990-96. and Managing Editor. The Sunday Times, 1978-90, will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at noon on Tuesday, November II.

Service dinner RAF Club Dining Society

Miss Madge Gill presided.

guest of honour at a diriner of the Royal Air Force Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Air Commodore G.J.B. Claridge. president of the society, presided. Air Vice-Marshal P.J. Goddard

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Baroness Denton of Wakefield was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House. St James's.

Dinners

Woolmen's Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by

the Sheriffs, was the guest of honour and presented the Woolmen's Company silver medal to Dr Wayne Munro from New dand and the bronze medal to Mr Robert Birt of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, for their post graduate research work into wool, at a dinner of the Johnson, Master of the Woolmen's

Company, presided. Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill and Air Commodore J.S. Mason also spoke. Among others

Mason also spoke. Among others present were: Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Colin Evans. Mr Derek Haves, the Managing Director of the British Wool Marketing Board, the Chairman of Industrial Tribunals for England and Wales, the Masters of the Saddlers', Founders', Uphoiders', Basketmakers', Wheelwrights' and Engineers' Companies and the Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Mr Martin Weale was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night a the Athenaeum. Lord Quirk, FBA.

Cardiff Business Club

The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, and the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Max Phillips, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Cardiff Business School last night. The guest speaker was Professor Colin Blakemore, President, British Association for the Advancemen of Science. The Right Hon Lord Crickhowell, President, University

Institute of Export

The Duke of Kent, Patron of the institute of Export, delivered the welcome address at the annual graduation and awards ceremony held yesterday at the Manslon

The Lord Mayor presented diplomas, certificates and prizes to successful graduates and candidates. Mr Jim Davis, president,
was in the chair. Mr Alex
Macfarlane, chair of education,
and Mr Ian Campbell, director general, also spoke.

of Braintree The life barony conferred upon Mr Antony Harold Newton has been gazetted by the name, style and title of

Coggeshall in the County of Essex. Baron Montague

of Oxford

Baron Onslow

Lord Newton

The life barony conferred upon Sir Cranley Gordon Douglas Ooslow has been gazetted by the name style and title of Baroe Onsiew of Wolfing of Wolking in the County of Surrey.

of Woking

The life barony conferred upon Mr Michael Jacob Montague has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Montague of Oxford, of Oxford in the County of Oxfordshire. **Baroness Linklater**

of Butterstone The life barony conferred upon Mrs Veronica Linklater has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Linklater of Butterstone, of Riemore in Perth and Kinross.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

Anyone therefore who sets aside even the least of the law's demands, and teaches others to do the same, will have the lowest place in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5. 100

ABENTHAL On October 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Renee and Mordche, a darling daughter.

Chartain - On October 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Flona (née Aleander) and Kurt, a son, Jake Mouroe.

DACOSTA-FRASER - On October 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Sara and Jonathan, a son, Alex William, a brother for Harry, to Melanie Jane (née Edge) and Daniel, a son, Benjamin Charles Joseph.

HOSLYM - To Creside (née Burnet) and Charles, on October 30th, a daughter, Imbulla Alica.

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HOULDEWOOTH - To David and Poppy (née Scholes), at Bassan General, Edinbergis, on 31st October, a daughter, leastly julier,

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CHEMISH - Co October 30th at
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LABROM - On October 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Jennifer (née Smerdon) and Ewan, a daughter, Naomi Catherine Alice, a sixter for Alexander and Caltlin. MEMBETT - On November 1st, to Charlotte (née Reid) and Ben, a daughter, Primrose. MILLET - On 31st October 1967 - the Royal Free 1997 at the Boyal Free Esmpsterd to Rola (née Esmed) and Adib, 2 daughter, Hannah MOCATTA - To Jane and Robert, on October 30th, a son, James Henry, a brother for Edward and Hennor.

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SHEFFIELD - To Timothy and Alexandra (née Alexandra Butterworth), On November 2nd at Queen Charlotte's, London, a son, Frederick Arthur Digby. SINGH - On October 27th at The Fortland Hospital, to Deepa and Furnous, a son, Arvin Esta. BOFER-YADDARIOFF - On October 28th at The

October 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Jame and Lewis, a daughter, Ionia Rachel, a sister for Eughnel. Visible - In Omake 11s at The Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, London, to Make (Albeita) and Julies, a son, Harry Zain Albakri Turden. The Portland Hospital, to Lynette and Zechary, a son, Zacquez, a brother for Zondra and Zechary (junior).

The Portland Hospital, to Lynette and Zechary (junior).

The Portland Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Clarks) and Colin, a daughter, Saskie Rom, a dear de Edward.

DEATES

SECK - On 30th October percentally in hospital artists a short librers, Shella, much loved sister of the late Geoffing Seck and sunt of Richard, Jane and generature of Richard, Jane and Seriah. Funeral Service at Hanwell Cometary on Thursday November 6th at 2pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only. Donations to Burnardos to Lit. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row. Westminster, London SWIP 1JU, teh (0171) 834-4624.

BROWN - Elizabeth Interw - Illera Himbelt (née Bergin) in the early hours of November 1st, peacetally in Macclesfield Hospital aged 96, formenty of Lowestoft. Widow of Chester Brown, 1ste Headleacher of Chatsworth School, Hounslow, much layed grother of Ill and loved mother of Jill, and grandmother of Sarah and Lucy, and proud greatcuty, and proud great-grandmother of fien and Haunah. Funeral Macclastistic Constitution on Thunday November 6th 230 pm. Family flowers only plesse, denations if desired to The Macmillan Nurses Fund Avencements of Fund. Arrangements c/o Ecolor Warson and Buckley, 7 James Street, Macciesfield,

7 James Street, Macciestical, Cheshire.
CAVÉ - Charles Edward Coloridge at Sidbury on November 1st. Much loved husband, father and guarindian Family funeral; no flowers place. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday 19th Royamber et the Parish Church, Ottery St. Mary.

DEATHS

Mangaret Biachford (Peggy)
peacefully on 31st October
at Amesbury Abbry Mursing
Home Marie of the
late Major General J.W.
(Willis) Channing Williams,
much loved mother of
Micholes, Simon and David.
Formal Jervice will be held
at St Michael's and All
Angeis Church, Intyen, at 12
noon 7th November. Family
Howess only, Donations to 5t
held's Booglish, London of
Camp Ropson Funeral
Directors, Newbury, tel:
(01635) 522210.

on 31st October 1997 at home aged 64 years, much loved headed of the end father of Nicola Funeral Service at All Saints, Banstead, at 3 pm on Thursday 6th November. Donations if desired to Friedreich's Ataxia Group c/o WA Tuelove & Son Ltd.

COMPON - Michael, CRE. Much loved husband of Nudy and dear father of Alexandra mad fails - died peacefully 30th October 1997. Funeral Thursday 6th Movember, 2.30pm at St Stephen and St John Church, Rochester Row, SWI. No flowers, densitions if desired to Marie Curie Foundation, 11 Lyndhurst Gardens, London MW2.

Church, Kirkgate, Leeds. Denations may be sent to Macmillan Cancer Relief, Anchor House, 15-19 Siriem, Street, Londons 893 372 (tel. 0171 987 8231). Any enquiries should be addressed to Co-operative Funeral Services, Marsh Lane, Leeds LSP &AD (tel. 0113 245 0507).

CANCELLES - On Ownhow 31st 1997 Christopher dearly loved hasband of Moppet, and much loved father of Thoothy and Feter Fonesial Service at Chweding Parish Cruck on Friday November 1997 aged 64 years Gordon Easthope, former 7th at 2 pm. All enquiries to R. Skeeter Frontail Directors, 45 Moorfield Road, Durford, Cambridge, tel: (01223) Rished.

Charming Williams, many he sent to William Purves. Oakvale at Amesoury Abbey Norming Home Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved nother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, much loved mother of the Sent Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, Milliams and Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams, Milliams and Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams and Major General J.W. (Willia) Channing Williams and Major

PLEICHER - June Margaret died peacefully on October 31st, 1997, aged 71, after months of wearying illness borne with unwavering counge and green Greatly level with the second peaceful
November 1997 at his home in November 1997 at his home in November 1997 at his home in November 1997 at his home in November 1997 at his home in November 1997 at his home of Many and much loved father of Julia, Charles, Luke and Teresa and grandfather of Boward, Emity and John Private funeral. Donations in his memory to the Paul Stool Foundation Ltd., Haven Road, Haverfordwest, £1.P.

Helen, Died at home at 30th October 1997 after a brave fight against cancer. Bos was a beloved daughter, sister, wife and mother to her family, and a respected colleague in the world of science a ducation. The finiteal service will be held at 2 pm on Friday 7th Nevember at Leeds Panish Church, Kirkgate, Leeds. Donations may be sent to MEYGATE - Louise Jane.
Pencefully on Friday October
31st, aged 23, darling
daughter of Faul and Sally,
dently loved sister to Sarah.
Private Cremation followed
by a Sarvice of Thanksgiving
for her life at the Chunch of
St Michael and All Angels,
Bugbrooke, on Friday
November 7th at 2 pm.
Family Tlowers only,
domations if desired for the
Talbot Butler Ward
Northampton General
Hospital clo John White
Peneral Directors, 188/190
Watling Street East,
Towerson, Routhams. NR12
6DE, tel: (01327) 359266. EYGATE - Louise Jane.

JOURDAIN Jim thed peacafully at the Royal Marsden Sutton on Wednesday 29th October. Adoned and loving bushand of Molly, devoted father of Ting, Nicola, Eichard and Michael and much loved grandpa of Benjamin and imogen. Funeral Service on Thunday 6th November at 1pm at Holy Tinlity Church Cuckfield. Pamily Howers sair, Denatura if desired to Dr. D. Cunningham's Benefit Fund to be sent to Femala 19th of the County of the

KRASHESKI - Feacefully at home on 2nd November 1997. Count Stanislaw Michael Paul, Knight of Malta, aged 83. Beloved Institute of Weronika and Peter. Requisin Mass for family and close friends at the Card of Our Lady of Fatina, Staplefield, Sussex on Wednesday 5th November 1997 at 10 am. Family flowers only. A Memorial Barrice will be amounted at a later data. LAING - Nigel Gordon.
Peacefully at home on 31st October 1997, aged 73.
Dearly loved husband of Margaret, adored father of Pamela Rose, Flonz, Allson and Andrew, and greatly respected and loved "Pape" to the "Ankie-Mines" taked. Hamish, Emme, Guy, Edward and Japas, Puneral private. Theakagiving Service at St Margaret's, Chipstend at 12 noon on Thursday 13th November.

LOGAN - On 29th Outober 1997, Altreith Andrew, is Mr 95th year. Former Chairman of Spratts Patent Husband of the Inte Betty. Father of John, Colin and Roddy. Funeral Private No Rower. Engelder to C. W. Alcours. & Sons, teh (01435) 882219. marshall-andrew - Bruce passed away on Thursday 30th October as sweet of an accident, beloved hectant of Grankha ed hectant of Remand, Harriet, Patrick, Rugo (deceased), Semeticta and Eugo, son of Muriel Marshall-Andrew of Guenney, Funcial Service on Fiddy 7th Novamber of Guernsey. Funcial Ser-on Friday 7th November St Mary's in Amerikan 11.15 am.

MAUDE - On 21st October, peacefully after a short illness, at the Herton General Hospital in Herbony, Buthara Hisabeth Harnshaw (née Sutcliffe), aged 53. Widow of Angus, the R then Levi March of Sirettord-upon-Avon, darling mether of Libby, Debersh, Francis and the late Charles, loved and loving grandmother. Funeral on Saturday 8th November at 230 pm in the Church of 8th Peterad-Vincula, South Kawangson, burn Banburn, Enquirles to J '2 K Humphris: tel 01295 266424.

on 2nd November 1997
peacefully at Northlands
Nursing Home, Marpeth,
widow of Joe Nach and
formerly of Bill Young A
much leved mother,
grandmother and greatgrandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral
Service family only.
Thanksgiving Service in
Cheltenham later. Family
flowers only. Donations it
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Lendon SWS 577.

BOWS-Lt. Col. Anthony Leslie
M.C. on Seventher 2nd, died
peacafully aged 91 years.
Sizeh leves Insoland, fether
and grandfather. Private
family service at Hagadeses
Crematorium, Swindon at
12.30 pm Priday November
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Triangle Hones, 62 Victoris
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123, tett (01283) 5833378.

DFC RAF (retd) died peacefully 31st October Lymington, Hampshire. Funeral M Bournemouth Lymington, Hampehire. Funstein at Bournescott. Cressionius 2 pm on Friday 7th November. No flowers please, donations in Heu to RAF Jenevolent Funs. All engulises to Diamond & Son, Lymington, tel: (01590) 672060. Memorial Service to be announced inter.

PADLEY - Dorothy Helen pencefully on 30th October after fighting long illness with courage and dignity. Whose of tribus and dignity. Whose of tribus and alicent. Cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium, in the Chilterns Children Chilterns Children Chilterns Children Chilterns Children
MAL falled to surface of 31st October 1997. Dear husband to Valumi, tressured father to Sally and The end grandpa to baby india. Tarky, your lave of the your humbour, your style, will be desply missed by your family and friends. Funeral at Forest of Deas Communitation, I am Bourse Road, Cinderford, Gloucestwather on Friday 7th November at 12 noon. Please, no flowers or donations.

SARSORS - Emily, widow of Martin, on All Saints Day aged 95. Farmulat Leading Church Saturday 8th November at 2 pm. Family flowers. Paradiens to CMI, 30C Clarence Road, St Albans AL1 4]. PEROWIE - Lealis Arthur on 1st November 1997 at Vicarage Gate Mursing Home, Leasington, aged 91. India Breadcaste with the B.B.C., Army Roadcasting Services in West Africa. Fernoval Services Hortlake Crematorium, 12 noon Wednesday 19th November No flowers, please.

Amenistrative General In his 85th year, of 10 Dewar Street, Dollar, beloved hosband of Margery, father of Least Plinates and dear Grandpa of kin and lain, Firmes and Use. STADDOM - Pencefully on 31st October 1997 after a long linear, Red, adored husband of Jil, and a much loved and loving father and grandfather funeal loved of themisphyling will take place on Taunday 6th November at the Father Count of 2 Giles, Risby, at 2 pm. Donations to the memory of Neil may be sent for The British Reart Foundation and Botte Neutrum Linear Association of L. Fulcher, 80 Whiting Street, Bury 8 Edmunds, 1P33 1NX, tel: (01284) 754049.

died suddenly at home on October 30th. Beloved hushand of Researcy, such loved father of Christopher and Stephanie, dear grandfather of Tim, Josephine, Nicholas, Sarvice at Bedford Camarone, Non-Boad, on Thursday of the Hovember 4pm. Engates and Rovers to Arnolds Femant Service, 48 Roff Avenue, Bedford, MK41 775, tale (01284) 359529. SMITH - At Perth Royal Infimacy on November 1st 1997 David Smith (late of the Nigerian Colonial

WGOD - On let November 1977 Bod better in head of Gillian, father of Peter Nicholas, Sophie, Papa to Lucy and Alexander Cremation at Guildford Cremation at Guildford

IN MEMORIAM -

TRADE: 0171 481 1982

FAX: 0171 481 9313

Mounsey) formerly of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 30th October. Mother of Allison Sollier, Historia Jeger and Michael Taylor. Memorial Meeting 22nd November 1997 2.30 pm Newcastle Friends Heesing House. BEALE - Earold Derryck, Eappy memories on his birthday, November 4th, hamberd with the lare every day. Muriel, Angele

WHETEROUSE - Leanum (Lee) nee Fink, 2nd November 1997 at pence after much suffering. Loving wife of Nikki and Simon and worker-bulaw of Stephen BIRTHDAYS Mikit and Simon and mother-in-law of Stephen and detting gandering of Joshus, Alexander, Olivin and Glorgia. Funeral at Chanterlands Avenue Crematorium, Hull, today Tuesday 4th November at 2pm. No Howens by request but donations if desired to Dove House Morples, Chamberisin Road, Hull.

SERVICES PLIMEP PARTHERS Stational Duting Agency. If you are plamp to prefer a plamp partner ring 01362 715709.

Cremation at Guildford Commonme on Prince 7th November at 10 am. No flowers but if desired donations to 5t Luke's Cancer Unit of Robert Aring Francis South Roed, Guildford, Gui WANTED October 1997, Marion Idi (McDie), widow of Rupen Mare Wood CVO. Pencefully in Bromber 2000. with connections plans con-tect Fit Lt. H J Evens, RAP retired on: 01244 371249 in Brombey Hospital in her in Brombey Hospital in her Bockenham Crematorium, Emera End Road on Priday 14th November at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to H. Copeland & Son 1st. Pemeral Directors, Tal: 0181 650 2295.

THANKSGIVING TICKETS FOR SALE Thinksgiving for the life of Dr. Ishbel Camposil will be held on Wednesday 19th November at 2.30 pm in Highfield Farist Church.

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HAROLD ALBERT

Harold Albert, the royal biographer who hid his identity under the pseudonym of Helen Cathcart, died in Midhurst, Sussex, on October 20 aged 88. He

was born in London on

April 15, 1909.

arold Albert described himself as the "literary man-Cathcart — the doyen of royal book-writers", as The Daily Telegraph called her. She was certainly a prolific producer of biographies of the Queen, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, the Prince of Wales, Princess Anne and many other members of the Royal Family. and was also a writer of works on the royal residences.

Albert protected his nom de plume zealously, posing as Helen Cathcart's go-between to the outside world. It was he who submitted her manuscripts to the literary agent Rupert Crew, an association hich dated back to the 1920s. He approached newspaper editors with articles under the byline of Cathcart, and arranged scrialisation in countries as far afield as South Africa and Australia

From time to time invitations would come to Mrs Cathcart, asking her for an interview or to give a lecture. Albert politely replied that Mrs Cathcart was only interested in promoting her subjects, not herself. She inscribed books, but was never seen. Her career and age were uncertain, though it was suggested that she had been a member of King George V's staff. Once the Daily Mail sent a reporter to Albert's house to press him for details about Mrs Cathcart, but he would not be drawn.

Harold Albert greatly relished the ruse of his creation which, though often suspected, was never confirmed in hislifetime. Indeed, in a nice touch, Mrs Cathcart's books frequently contained an

acknowledgement to "the help given by Harold Albert".

The books were widely read in their day, especially by women. They were invariably serialised, frequently reprint-ed, favourably reviewed and nearly always published in paperback. They were elegantly written and well researched, but belonged to an age and style now superseded by intimate, or plain scandalous, revelations.

Yet between 1962 and 1988 there was a lively market for these books, and Mrs Cathcart gave her readers what they wanted. Her books lived easily beside the Pitkin Pictorials which recorded overseas tours, royal marriages and the events of the royal year. Her rivals were Dorothy Laird. Marguerite Peacock, David Duff, and, on a higher intellectual level though aimed at a similar market, the Arundel Herald and Times leaderwriter Dermot Morrah.

Helen Cathcart did not stray far from well-worn territory. nor besitate to update and amend earlier volumes. A biography of the Queen, emitted Her Majesty (1962), was followed by further studies including The Married Life of The Queen (1970), The Queen in Her Circle (1977), The Queen Herself (1981) and The Queen and Prince Philip: Forty Happy Years (1987). In 1965 Cathcart wrote a life of The Queen Mother, following this with The Queen Mother Herself (1979) and The Queen Mother: 50 Years a Queen studies of the Princess Royal: Anne and the Princesses Royal (1973) and Anne, Princess Royal (1988); two biographies of the Prince of Wales: Prince Charles in 1976, followed by Charles: Man of Destiny in 1988; lives of Princess Margaret, Princess Alexandra and the Duchess of Kent; and

histories of Sandringham and Royal Lodge, Windsor. On the other hand, the articles (sometimes highly specu-lative) that appeared about the



Royal Family in any publication that would take them claimed an intimacy with royal secrets that found little favour in the press office of Buckingham Palace. Harold Albert was far from popular in

that quarter. Harold Albert's life-story is at least as remarkable as that of those about whom he wrote. He was born in London and endured a miserable childhood. His father absconded from the family home and his

whom Harold hated. He therefore renounced the family name of Kemp and used his second name, Albert, as his surname. After boarding unhappily at a Dame's school, he worked for a time in a factory, packing boxes. But he always believed there was a better life and he dreamt of being a writer. Although largely uned-ucated, he read widely (favour-

ing Arnold Bennett and Hugh

Walpole) and joined an ama-

and nationalised the Banque

Rothschild, the Rothschilds

were very much a power in the

grown with the rise, first to

Prime Minister then to Presi-

dent, of Georges Pompidou, a

former tutor to members of the

family and later a manager of

their bank. Pompidou was a

regular guest of honour at the

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teur theatrical group in Bloomsbury. He was inspired by the example of Dickens, who had worked in a blacking warehouse before escaping into a literary career.

Albert was painfully shy and afflicted by a bad stutter, yet he forced himself to go out and conduct interviews; he worked as a journalist, submitting articles to the Evening News and other papers. In the 1930s he married a Canadian. His wife Winnie worked close-

prudent to have his own bank,

the Compagnie Financière Ed-

mond de Rothschild with

headquarters in Paris. and

another bank, the Banque

Privée in Geneva. He conduct-

ed the two operations as one,

first alone and then with his

Rothschild went into embit-

tered exile in New York after

the 1981 nationalisation, pro-

nouncing the memorable

phrase, "traitor under Vichy,

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Edmond continued to operate

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ly with him, typing all of Mrs Cathcart's books and making them presentable for publication. Albert's first book. Café People, consisting of a series of interviews, was published in the late 1930s.

During the war he was a conscientious objector and spent some months in prison. He was thus spared any kind of war work, for which he was wholly unequipped, being so unpractical as to be unable to operate a simple stapling machine

Harold and Winnie Albert were not sociable people, but he enjoyed a 60-year friendship with Bill Marters, the London editor of the Toronto Star. Articles by Albert (and sometimes by other incamations, such as Mark Priestly and Webster Fawcett) ap-peared in the Toronto Star Weekly over a period of 30 years.

Albert created Helen Cathcart in the 1950s, choosing a good Scottish name that had just the right ring to it. He conducted the research by writing to his sources, pressing them for information, and he was a keen member of the London Library. For a short time he went to Monte Carlo to help the former Queen Alexandra of Yugslavia with her literary endeavours. Harold Albert also wrote under his own name, and his book Oucen Victoria's Sister was considered his best work.

Helen Cathcart gave him a good living. He and his wife had a flat in Courtfield Gardens, Earls Court, and in the late 1940s bought an Elizabethan cottage at Milland, near Liphook. Here with the help of Charles Holden, the Midhurst gardener, they created a lovely garden with azaleas and rhododendron stretching several acres up to the South Downs behind their house. He loved to walk and was a keen explorer of footpaths.

In later life, he was an early contributor to Majesty magazine. His wife died last year. There were no children.

PROFESSOR ANNE ROBERTSON Sylloge of Anglo-Saxon Coins

Anne S. Robertson. archaeologist and numismatist, died on October 4, aged 87. She was born on May 3 1910.

AN archaeologist and numismatist of international reputation, Anne Robertson devoted her entire working life to the Hunterian Museum and the Hunter Coin Cabinet at Glasgow University, almost from the moment of her graduation in 1932 to her retirement in 1975. She had the patience and attention to detail needed to deal with small objects, and produced first-class catalogues of the museum's Roman imperial coins and excavated widely on Roman sites throughout Scotland.

Anne Strachan Robertson's parents were both teachers, and she was brought up in the suburhs of Glasgow, where she was educated at Hillhead High School and the Glasgow High School for Girls.

At Glasgow University she showed a special aptitude in the Roman History classes of S. N. Miller. In 1930 she sat in the university's Blackstone Chair, with the sand running through its hour-glass, out of sight above her head, to win the Cowan Medal for an examination conducted partly

in Latin. By the time she graduated with a first, she had been identified by Miller, and by Sir George MacDonald, the honorary keeper of the Hunter Coin Cabinet and doyen of Greek numismatics, as the ideal person to bring order to the archaeological and ethnographic collections at the Hunterian Museum, which had recently been enhanced by the material from Miller's own excavations on the

Antonine Wall. In 1933, Robertson went to London University to study archaeology with Sir Mortimer Wheeler, She gained practical experience in the coin room of the British Museum before returning to Glasgow as Dalrymple Lecturer in Archaeology, with funds drawn from a bequest to the Glasgow

Archaeological Society. At the same time she began undertaking excavations and fieldwork, first in 1937 at Castledykes near Lanark, and then at Roman sites in central and southern Scotland. often along the line of the Antonine Wall, over which she maintained watch and ward at a time when there were iew professional archaeologists in Scotland, In 1952 she was appointed under-keeper of the Hunterian Museum and curator of the Hunter Coin Cabinet.

By 1960 she had begun a steady output of major publications. Her guide to The Antonine Wall (now in its fourth edition) was swiftly followed by a British Academy

in the Hunter Coin Cabinet. Her five-volume Catalogue of Roman Imperial Coins in the Hunter Coin Cabinet (1962-82) made more readily available an important part of the miscellaneous collections bequeathed to Glasgow University by Dr William Hunter

She also published important excavations reports on the Roman forts at Golden Hill, Duntocher (1957), Castledykes (1964) and Birrens (1975). She regularly attended the International Congress of Roman Frontier Studies (the Limeskongress) and was the last surviving speaker from the inaugural meeting convened on the initiative of Eric Birley in 1949. In 1965, her achievements were recognised by a DLin.

For many years, she directed the Scottish Field School of Archaeology, which provided training opportunities for students to learn the techniques of excavation. She was a longstanding supporter of the Council for Scottish Archaeology, and established the Robertson Awards to reward achievement and good practice.

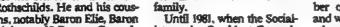
A long-time member of the Glasgow Archaeological Society, she was president at the time of its centenary celebra-tions in 1955-56. A fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland since 1941, she was elected a fellow of both the Society of Antiquaries of London and the Museums Association in 1958. She was promoted to Reader in Roman Archaeology and Keeper of the cultural collections and the Hunter Coin Cabinet in 1964. and the same year was elected medallist of the Royal Numismatic Society.

In 1975 she became one of the first arts-orientated fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, when that body extended its fellowship beyand the scientific community. Finally, in the year before her retirement in 1975, Glasgow University made her a titular Professor in Roman

Archaeology.
Perhaps because of a strict upbringing or an innate shyness, she could on occasion be stiff and formal with close colleagues. Nonetheless, she had a wide circle of friends and was generous of her time and help to members of local archaeological societies, especially younger members.

in retirement she devoted more time to reading, walking and gardening at her Bearsden home, becoming an active member of her local church. and putting her ability as a listener to good use with the

She never married and remained close to her three sisters, of whom only one now survives, and to her nephews and nieces and their children.



BARON EDMOND



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tothschild, banker and husinessman, died day in Geneva aged 71. He was born in Paris on September 30, 1926.

Baron Edmond de

A PROMINENT member of the French branch of the Rothschild dynasty, Edmond de Rothschild was a major benefactor of the State of Israel. He emerged in the 1960s as one of the richest, if not the richest of the French Rothschilds. He and his cousins, notably Baron Elie, Baron Alain and Baron Guy de Rothschild (head of the French

branch of the banking family). all benefited from financing the recovery of France, which an : with General de Gaulle's return to power in 1958.

Edmond de Rothschild. however, remained always slightly apart from his cousins and had a second banking base in Geneva. On more than one occasion, this spreading of risks stood him in good stead. He was also by far the most committed Zionist of the

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great balls and banquets thrown by the family during the 1970s. Edmond was a board member of the Rothschild Bank and was involved with several other Rothschild companies.

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next to the Elysèe Palace. The real centre of his operations, however, was Switzerland, and his greatest interest in life was aiding the State of israel, in whose cause he was a munificent benefactor and fundraiser throughout his adult life. The long-serving Paris correspondent of the Evening Standard, White, once wrote of him that no man in worki Jewry has done more for Israel, and none has done it with more zeal and less circumspection". REMANY Daily low cost Ciples and lotal notwoodsics. All Rajor CC. German Tasvel Cantre 3181 429 2500. ASTA 90465 ATCL 2977 LACA.

Edmond's father, Baron Maurice de Rothschild, was both a banker and a politician. He voted "Non" in the French Senate to Marshal Pétain's proposed 1940 alliance with Hitler, and subsequently fled with his family to Switzerland. After the Nazi occupation of Paris. Baron Maurice's mansion became a Luftwaffe officers' club. The RAF took it over immediately after the war and Edmond de Rothschild later sold it to the American Government: it is now used as the US Ambassador's residence.

Edmond de Rothschild had numerous financial links with Israel. He was head of the Israel European Company (Isrop) in Luxembourg, a for-

General Bank in Tel Aviv and a member of many other boards in Israel. He was also head of the

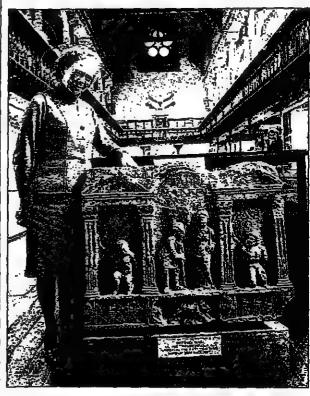
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Israel Corporation, set up at the beginning of the 1970s to speed the industrialisation of israel; he was greatly saddened when the corporation was beset by scandal and charges of financial irregularity in the mid-1970s - there were reports of losses for Rothschild interests of some £20 million — but his commitment to Israel never wavered. Edmond de Rothschild had

di the charm of the senior French members of the family. He never discussed his wealth, preferring instead to divert conversations with strangers towards the delights of Megève, the French ski resort he and his mother had helped to launch. Estimates of his fortune fluctuated from three or four billion French francs to double that. He was a noted art collector

and donated a number of works to the Louvre, in recognition of which he was appointed a Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters in 1990 and of the Legion of Honour in 1994. He also donated a pavilion of French art to the National Museum in Jerusalem in memory of his grandfather, also Baron Edmond, who was closely associated with the creation of the modern State of Israel. Among the Rothschild family's extensive Bordeaux wine interests. he personally owned Chateau Clarke, a large and well-run cru bourgeois in Listrac.

Baron Edmond de Rothschild is survived by his wife Nadine, a former actress who later wrote successful books on protocol, and by his son Benjamin, who assumes control of his business interests.



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THE QUEEN INAUGURATES FLOW OF FORTIES OIL INTO BRITAIN'S ECONOMY

FROM RONALD FAUX

Dyce, Aberdeenshire The Queen pressed a button in the control room of the BP Forties field yesterday to inaugurate the flow of North Sea oil into the British economy at the rate of £28 a second. The formal opening of the Forties field at Dyoe, in Aberdeenshire, was a majestic occasion with Mr Wilson and senior Cabinet colleagues welcoming the Queen, the Duke of burgh and Prince Andrew to the nerve centre of the operation before a thousand

The area had been searched, sealed and guarded by the police since the previous evening. An Army bomb disposal squad was called when a package was found taped to a girder beneath the pedestrian way on the Forth road bridge. It was shot off by a marksman and naval divers retrieved a container from the river. No explosives were

Many of the men who surned the Forties project into a reality were present at the ceremony. Drillers, mechanics, roustabouts,

ON THIS DAY

November 4, 1975

Oil was first discovered in the North

sufficient in oil by 1980 welders and storemen were there with BP

Sea in the mid-1960s. The Forties field

was expected to make Britain self-

managers to meet the Queen. The scale of the effort and investment manded by North Sea oil caught even Mr Wilson, an eminent statistician, off guard. Reading from his prepared speech he told the audience that oil so far proved in British North Sea areas had been valued at £2,000m

later pointed out that the Prime Minister was out by some £193,000m. Mr Wilson may be forgiven his slin: the acts and figures describing North Sea oil development are staggering. The Forties field will have four production platforms, each higher than the Post Office tower in London.

clearly a sum to savour. A government official

feeding the 240 miles of pipeline between the bleak and frequently storm-swept block 21/10 in the North Sea and Grangemouth refinery on the Forth.

Development has cost about £750m, double the original estimate. But when the field reaches peak production it will supply a lifth of Britain's energy requirements. With the other fields due to come on stream added to the Forties production, Britain should be selfsufficient in oil by 1980.

The Queen said the start of the Forties operations marked a milestone in the development of Britain's energy resources upon which our life as an industrial nation

depended.
The Forties field is a blend of private and public enterprise and in Scotland has provided work, directly or indirectly, for about 50,000 people. The oil is the first to be purpoed ashore from a big British field, and the company expects to increase the opening trickle into a healthy flood of high quality oil as all the platforms come into full production next year.

Oil from the Forties field will be followed by output from the Mobil Beryl and the Shell-Esso Auk fields. But that is for the future. For the present BP is rightly patting itself on the was available for the individual

The defence was limited to

persons who distributed or were in

possession of such material either

for a legitimate reason, for exam-

ple, a police officer in the course of his duty showing such material to

the Crown Prosecution Service with a view to possible prosecu-

tion, or for the individual who was

ignorant of and had no reason to

or distributing indecent materials or in the case of simple possession.

Once it was appreciated that the material was indecent then its

continued retention or distribution

was subject to the risk of prosecu-

tion if the source of the material

The anxiety expressed by Mr Wood for the individual who did

not know that the material de-

picted someone who was in fact a child was misplaced. Ignoring members of the child's own family,

who would know his or her age, it would be rare in the extreme for a

proved to be a child or children.

eve that he was in possession of

who created the material or ad-

vertised its availability.

Jury can decide child's age

Regina v Land (Michael) Before Lord Justice Judge. Mr Justice Poole and Judge Rant, QC Judgment October 10]

It was a matter for the jury to decide whether an unknown person depicted in an indepent photograph was under the age of to and therefore a child for the purposes of the Protection of Children Act

There was no requirement for paediatric or other expert evidence hecause the jury was as well placed person depicted in such a photograph was under 16. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an

appeal by Michael Land against his conviction in January 1947 at Lewes Crown Court (Judge Scott-Gall and a jury) of (i) seven counts publication for gain, contrary to section 2(1) of the Obscene Publications Act 1959, as amended by section 1(l) of the Obscene Public tions Act 1964, for which he was sentenced to six months imprisonment on each and (ii) two counts of possessing an indecent photograph of a child with a view to it himself or others, contrary to section 1(1)(c) of the 1978 Act, for which he was sentenced to nine months imprisonment on each, all the sentences to run concurrently and to be suspended for two years.

Mr James Wood, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals. for the appellant, Mr Peter Walsh for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE JUDGE, giv-

ing the judgment of the court, said that the appellant appealed only ing indecent photographs of a that the trial judge should have directed the jury that before an offence contrary to section 1(1)(c) of the 1978 Act could be established they had to be sure that not only did the appellant know that he possessed an indecent photograph but he also had to know that the photograph depicted a child, that is, a nerson under lo.

Mr Wood argued that, in the absence of any direct evidence of age, expert paediatric evidence should have been called to enable the jury to be informed of the variations of onset of puberty in different adolescents, particularly with persons of different racial

origins and backgrounds. Their Lordships disagreed.

The provisions of the 1978 Act were unambiguous. An offence under section I(I) might be committed in a variety of ways which included possession of an indecent photograph of a child with a view to distribution.

The purpose of the Act was to protect children from exploitation and degradation. Potential darnage to the child occurred when he or she was posed or pictured indecently, and whenever such an event concred the child was being exploited. It was the demand for such material which led to the exploitation of children and the purpose of the 1978 Act fand of section 160 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 which created the offence of simple possession of an indecent photograph of a child was to reduce indeed as far as possible to liminate, trade in or possession of

At the same time statutory defences provided a framework protecting from conviction those whose possession of such material was not prurient.

complete stranger to be in pos-session of indecent photographs of Accordingly, and without someone who although appearing to be mature could nevertheless be proved to be a child. A glance would quickly show whether the material was or might be depicting someone who was under 16 and it it was or might be

> by destroying it or having nothing further to do with it. As to the requirement for paediatric evidence, section 2(3) of the Act was plainly concerned with the obvious difficulty of making a positive identification of an unknown person depicted in a photo-graph and hence his or her age. It crefore underlined that the question whether such a person was a child for the purposes of the 1978 Act was one of fact based on inference without any need for

then prosecution would be avoided

formal proof.

Their Lordships could see no hasis for concluding that in the absence of paediatric or other expert evidence the jury were prevented from deciding that the indecent photograph depicted a boy or a girl under the age of 16. In any event such expert evi-dence tendered by either side would be inadmissible. The purpose of expert evidence was to assist the court with information which was outside the normal experience and knowledge of the

judge or jury.

The jury were as well placed as an expert to assess any argument addressed to the question whether the prosecution had established that the person depicted in the There was nothing unsafe in the conviction and the appeal was accordingly dismissed

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Power to order sale of wife's home

the state of the s

Bank of Baroda v Dhillon and Another

Justice Cazalet [Judgment October 17]

Mr John Robson for the wife; Mr Anthony Mann. QC, for the bank; the husband was not £8,000, the property being reg-istered in the husband's name alone and charged in favour of the The husband, having obtained a

bank loan in 1978 secured by a second legal charge on the property, which was assigned to the plaintiff, fell into arrears with the repayments. The plaintiff obtained judgment against him in July 1991 for £12,189 plus £3,852 interest, and after further delay a possession order in March 1902

The husband was adjudicated bankrupt in July. The wife applied, before the warrant for possession was executed, to be joined as a second defendant claiming an equitable interest in the property which overrode the bank's legal charge. At the time of the trial the house was valued at £78,000, the building society was owed £12,691 and the plaintiff £25,000.

The judge was satisfied that the husband held the property on trust for himself and his wife in equal for himself and his wife in equal shares, that the wife had an overriding interest under section 70(1)(g) of the Land Registration Act 1925 and the plaintiff's legal charge took subject to that interest. The wife did not know of the second charge. It was not disputed that the plaintiff was entitled to apply under section 30 of the Law of Property Act 1925 Inow section 14 order of sale.

He had held that the plaintiff was in the same position as a trustee in bankruptcy and, after balancing the various considerations, concluded that there was no prospect of the plaintiff being paid in the foreseeable future unless sale was ordered, and the wife would have a resource after sale which should enable her to reaccommodate herself.

Mr Robson's essential sub-mission was that the judge had failed to give effect to the wife's right to occupation and was en-abling the plaintiff to do indirectly under section 30 what it could not do directly because of the over-

Mr Mann conceded that the wife's interest would defeat a claim for possession by the plaintiff; but the plaintiff was seeking an order for sale, and the notion of an overriding interest had no rele-

vance to such an application.

Mr Robson sought to distinguish in re Domenico Citro (a Bankrupt) [1991] Ch 142) and Lloyd's Bank pic v Byrne [1993] I FLR 369 on the basis that the wives in those cases had had an opportunity to participate in some earlier judicial process, whereas

of the Trusts of Land and Appointings in the present case. His ment of Trustees Act 1996 for an Lordship said that in the former case there had been no suggestion that wives' half shares in the benefical interest in their homes precluded the trustee in bankruptey's application under section 30, and in the latter case (at p375) the court would not accept the contention that, as the husband could not obtain an order against his wife, the bank could be in no better position as it claimed under

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In two other cases relied on by Mr Robson, Abbey National plc v Moss (1994) 1 FLR 307) and Barclays Bank plc v Hendricks (1996) 1 FLR 258), the court in the former case made no suggestion that an application under section 30 was defeated by a wife's overriding interest, and the latter case followed the reasoning of the former case (p 263).

His Lordship said that the wording of section 30 was very wide and he had no hesitation in concluding that the concession made in the county court that the plaintiff was entitled to apply for an order for sale under section 30 vas properly made.

Mr Justice Cazalet agreed. Solicitors: Bhardwaj & Co. Oxford Street; Lawrence Jones. Southwark,

Intended rescue trust fund fails

In re Challoner Club Ltd (In liquidation

Before Mr Justice Lloyd **Ludgment October 3i**

It was not sufficient to create a trust for the officers of a club simply to deposit donations received from members as a rescue fund in a separate bank account not to be used until the future of the club was known, since the terms of the intended trust were not certain.

The moneys would therefore form part of the club's assets to be available for the purposes of the liquidation notwithstanding the bers to the contrary.

Mr Justice Lloyd so held in the

Chancery Division in directing, on the liquidator's application, that the sums standing on March 15, 1993 to the credit of two bank accounts in the name of the Challoner Club Ltd were not held on trust for any person, but formed part of the club's assets to be available for the purposes of the liquidation generally. The respon-dents were Mr Melvyn Langley, supervisor of the individual voluntary arrangement of Mr Stuart Edgar, first administrator of the company, and Sir Albert McQuarrie, chairman of the club, representing the members.

Mr Paul Greenwood for the liquidator; Mr Jamie Riley for Mr Langley: Sir Albert McQuarrie in

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that

the Challoner Club Ltd, a private company limited by guarantee, rented premises for its purposes as a members' social club. It had fallen into arrears and was the

subject of a possession order. At an emergency general meeting it was resolved, inter alia, that members' annual subscriptions, then due. would be raised with immediate effect and donations invited in an attempt to stave off the possession and that the directors would be empowered to take any steps to ensure the continuation of the club.

In a series of letters circulated to members, the officers of the club indicated, in differing terms, that any contributions would be placed into a segregated bank account future of the dub was known.

Moneys were received and placed either directly, or indirectly transfer, into a designate account. The company was placed in administration. The administrator, at the request of the chairman of the company, confirmed that those moneys in the separate account were held on trust for the members and were not available to crediturs in the event of the failure of the purpose for which the funds were supplied.

The company subsequently went applied for directions as to whether the moneys held in the designated account at the commencement of the liquidation were properly repayable to mem-

His Lordship referred to the relevant authorities, the most pertinent of which was In re Kayford Ltd [1975] I WLR 2790). It was clear that the directors, in placing the moneys into a separate account had intended that they should not be made available to creditors generally.

However, those responsible and commendable efforts to safeguard the members' contributions failed because the terms of the trust were not certain. The circumstances in which the payments would become unconditional had been referred to in a number of different ways and were not adequately defined. Bearing in mind the free hand

given to the directors at the EGM as to how the future of the club was to be safeguarded, the difficulties faced by the club at that time, and the various expedients that might well have been necessary in the short and medium let alone the long term, it would have been extremely difficult for the directors to have been able to spell out at the relevant time all the circumstances in which the funds coming in could

in the absence of any certainty in that respect, his Lordship was holding that funds were held on trust for the members who paid

Solicitors: Sprecher Grier: Max

Before Lord Justuce Roch and Mr building society.

The court had a wide discretion to order the sale of a property on the application of an interested party, under section 30 of the Law of Property Act 1925, even though another party had a right to occupy the property which was an over-riding interest and ranked before that of the interested party.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of the second defendant, Surjit Kaur Dhillon, from the judgment of Judge Catlin on May 24, 1996 in Uxbridge County Court ordering the defendants, Surinder Dhillon and his wife, to give up possession of 63 Palgrave Avenue, Southall, Middlesex, that the property be sold forthwith and the net proceeds of sale be applied half to the Bank of Baroda, the plaintiff, and half to the defendants

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said

that the defendants bought the property for E10,000 in 1973 with a building society mortgage of

Director-General of Social Sears v Attorney-General of New Zealand Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Siyna of Hadley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Lord Steyn

Reasons October 7 Express words were not required in a statute to limit or abolish the right of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to give special leave to appeal. It was enough if the statute showed by necessary intendment that the power to entertain such appeals was to be ilmited or abolished.

The Privy Council so held in giving reasons for having, on July 10, 1997, dismissed for want of jurisdiction petitions by (i) Shane Campbell De Morgan and Dale De Morgan, and (ii) Victor Fred-erick Sears, for special leave to appeal to the Board against deons of the Court of Appeal of

Mr Peter J. Napier, of the New Zealand Bar, for the De Moreans: Dr George P. Barton, QC and Mr New Zealand Bar, for the Director-General.

Mr Garry M. Pollak and Mr Zealand Bar, for Mr Sears; Mr

Limiting right of appeal to Privy Council fundamentally enlarged the pow-

Bar, for the Attorney-General. LORD BROWNE-WIL-KINSON said that in each case the

relevant statutory legislation [in the De Morgan case, sections 67 and 68 of the Judicature Act 1908 and, in the Sears case, section 135(5) of the Employment Con-tracts Act 1991] provided that the decision of the Court of Appeal on

the issue was to be "final" or "final

and conclusive".

The petitioners in both cases had contended, inter alia, that the words of the sections making the decision of the Court of Appeal "final" or "final and conclusive" were not sufficient to exclude the prerogative power of the Queen to entertain appeals to the Privy Council and that accordingly their

Lordships could give leave even if the Court of Appeal could not. The foundation of the argument lay in the decisions of the Board in Cushing v Dupsy ((1880) 5 App Cas 409) and In re the Will of WI Matua (1908) AC 448), where it was held that the prerogative right of the Crown to entertain appe to the Privy Council could only be

Privy Council was still exercising prerogative powers and that al-though the Statute of Westminster Adoption Act 1947 and the Imper-ial Laws Application Act 1988 had

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ers of the New Zealand Parliament to exclude or limit appeals to the Privy Council, they had not af-fected the requirement that in order to do so there had to be found in the statute words which were expressly directed to the exclusion of the prerogative power of the Crown to entertain such appeals. His Lordship said that the

proposition that the right to enter-tain appeals to the Privy Council was a prerogative right of the Crown had been exploded by the decision in British Coal Corpora-tion v The King (1935) AC 500): the right to entertain appeals to the Privy Council was no longer a wholly prerogative power but was regulated by statute, the Judicial Committee Acts 1833 and 1844. The result was that by excluding

or limiting the rights of the Privy Council to grant special leave to appeal a New Zealand statute was not, in any ordinary sense, purporting to limit the Royal prerogative. It was limiting what was in substance a statutory right with a purely formal prerogative element attached.

In the British Coal case it was exclude or limit that right it had to do so by "express words or by necessary intendment". Contrary Matua express words were not

was sufficient. His Lordship concluded that the reasoning of the decisions in Cushing and Wi Marua could no longer be re-garded as sound since it was based on the erroneous assumption that the right to give special leave to appeal was a normal prerogative wer of the Crown.

Express words were not re-quired to limit or abolish the right to entertain such appeals. It was enough if the statute excluding or limiting the right of appeal to the Privy Council showed either expressly or by necessary intend-ment that the power to entertain such appeals was to be limited or

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In the present cases the New Zealand legislature had provided that the decision of the Court of Appeal should be final. Since the Court of Appeal was the ultimate Court of Appeal locally situate in New Zealand, the only possible intendment of such words was to exclude the only remaining right of appeal, appeal by special leave to the Privy Council. That being so, and there being so challenge to the powers of the New Zealand legislastatutes effectively excluded any appeal to the Privy Council.

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Dominic Owens, head of market

ing communications at BI, argues:

"In an era when customer service is

increasingly critical to the success

of businesses, it is startling to find

that a large number of small busi-

nesses are falling at the first fence in customer relations by not even

picking up the phone - despite the

recognition by some that missed calls mean losing business." As evidence of the variety of

small companies that can benefit from a Freephone number he cites

clients as diverse as Simply Thankyou, a mail order gift com-

pany, Top Security Alarms, a security company, and A&L Glass,

an emergency glazier.

allow firms to try out the service.

COMPETITION small businesses to use 0800 Freephone numbers is hotting up. One 2 One last week launched its Freephone service, while BT is offering a a cut-price three-month trial for new customers. Research by BT shows that less

than 10 per cent of medium businesses and I per cent of small businesses have a Freephone number. The main use is in wholesaling and retailing, repairs and business services. Food producers and farm-Freephone numbers and construction firms for another 6 per cent.
The main uses of Freephone numbers are for generating sales and for customer helplines. ers account for only 6 per cent of

Accompanying the One 2 One Freephone launch is the offer of a E50 credit for new customers switching from other mobile service providers. A One 2 One Freephone number will cost a £50 connection fee and a £7.50 a month subscription.

Although the One 2 One sub-scription is for a 12-month period the Freephone is offered as an addon on a monthly basis. Callers from fixed lines or a One 2 One phone will not be charged.

and a £50 quarterly rental. Busi-



One 2 One has already signed up ian Crabbe, who owns a car hire business at Oxted, Surrey. Founded in 1993, Concept Car Services provides a chauffeur service at minicab prices. He says the 0800 number has increased his level of business from customers calling for a text home after a night out.

Mr Crabbe says: "In the past, payphone tariffs controlled by pubs and clubs have often meant the people have found it difficult to get through and give me all the details I need before they run out of change. Now they know they can call me for free, the number of late night jobs I am called out to has increased significantly.



Masterstroke: Graham Jones, left, Adrian Moorhouse, centre, and Adrian Hutchinson give companies a rigorous fitness test

Life in the fast lane breeds success

HAVE you ever set off for work of a morning with the kind of drive that lifts the sports star to that gold-medal, cup-winning performance? If not, a group of young company doctors, led by Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic swimming champion, believe they have just the tonic.

Eane 4 Management Group — a name inspired by that hallowed place reserved for the fastest qualifier for finals in sports such as swimming and athletics — was set up in 1995 by Mr Moorbouse and fellow thirtysomethings Adrian Hutchinson, a husiness studies graduate, and Graham Jones, one of the British Olympic team psychologists in Atlanta.

The business has been built on helping companies to get the best out of their staff in the way that a coach, physiotherapist and psy-chologist might hope an afflete for a gold-medal performance. Lame 4 asks its client what it

perceives as being a barrier to greater success; everything from poor communication to high stress. Mr Mourhouse and Co then assess matters for themselves, using a network of 20 associates, including

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specialists in such fields as performance strategy. To clients who find the diagnosis uncomfortable at first, Moorhouse, whose confidence and enthusiasm are infectious, emphasises the long-term benefits. The swimmer sees a parallel between performance in snort and in the workplace. Lane 4 was born after Mr

Moorhouse and Mr Hutchinson worked together in late 1993 on a project for Will Carling, the for-mer England rugby captain, whose company offers motivational talks to companies. Mr

Moorhouse said: "We felt that a lot could be achieved by taking time to develop relationships with companies. There was clearly a niche in the market, and as single men we were in a position to take the financial risk and pursue it."

The former swimmer had met Dr Jones at an Olympic training

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camp in Florida in 1994 and approached him to complete the triangle of partners. It is at this point, with structure and goals in place, that many young businesses seek financial backing, But with the touch of fate that

swept Moorhouse to his Olympic 100 metres breaststroke title by fust 0.01 of a second, Lane 4 secured as its first client Bourne Leisure, which agreed to partially pay for the services it received up front. Cashilow concerns eased and there was no need to be burdened with a large loan.

Good forume struck again when Lane 4 met David Wimpress, head of ICL Consultancy. Mr Moorhouse says of the man who has become something of a favourite uncle to the business: "David recognised that these were early days and that we needed to build foundations. He asked what we needed. Premises everything from the lounge floor.

The team was shown around a spacious converted stable block at Hedsor House, in Buckinghamshire, where ICL has its conference centre in a country home. The partners have made their own huck, too, being careful not to drain Lane 4 of funds with company cars and mobile phones. Such luxuries are paid for out of

the partners' personal pockets.

Company turnover has grown from E120,000 in 1995 to £500,000 this year, allowing nine staff to be recruited, the latest being Greg Searle, the Olympic rowing champion. The client list is impressive. It includes NatWest, BZW, Citibank, Dixons Mastercare, ICI, 3M and Manchester Airport. A recent signing has been Legoland, in Berkshire, the most-visited leisure site in Britain this year.

Mr Moorhouse added: "It's a learning process. I now feel I'm better prepared than I was at the beginning. It's like my first Olympic final; well, I was nervous and unsure. The second time round, I felt I had a right to be there."

Chemists face minimum wage threat

Threats to local pharmacies from the expected minimum wage have been highlighted in a high street

One respondent to the survey, by The Independent Community Pharmacist magazine, pointed out that 2,000 pharmacies were already on the economic borderline and another 1,000 were shaky.

The survey says the possibility that pay rises of about 50p an hour to comply with proposed minimum wage legislation could drive some pharmacies out of business, or force them to cut staff hours, which might weaken service.

Richard Thomas, the maga-zine's editor, said: "This is only a snapshot, a guide to the mood of people. However, independent pharmacists are continually being squeezed by the government pay ments system and a lot are

struggling."
The National Pharmaceutica Association, the shops' representative body, is also worried that a minimum wage could lead to lay-offs, reduced staff hours and closures. It has told the Low Pay Commission that the minimum wage should be set low initially and gradually increased, provided that it does not damage business.

Bug busters

Two banks, Lloyds TSB and Barclays, have produced guides to the millennium computer problem. The Lloyds guide, The Year 2000 -The Way Forward, has been produced in conjunction with the Federation of Small Businesses, It suggests a checklist and includes a contact list of industry experts.

Countdown to the Millennium - A Guide to Working with New Technology, the Barclays booklet. is the first in a series to help businesses and retailers to prepare for the millennium.

Barclays says nearly 20 per cent of small and medium-sized busi-nesses have yet to consider the im-pact of the millennium on their computer systems. Another 20 per cent have done nothing about it.

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Low unemployment in a buoyant economy will be one decisive factor in reducing the profits of small and medium-sized companies next year, says the quarterly review of Trade Indemnity, the international credit insurer. The shortage of skilled people will met a premium on their pay, his was erode profits, explains the report.











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'I made three transfers just before the deadline'

The story so far...

I still haven't won a monthly prize, and I'm still nowhere in

What do you mean by nowhere?

Eighty-something thousandth, last time I checked. Comfortably in the top half.

Yes, but upper mid table mediocrity isn't good enough. Sounds like drastic action is called for. In real life, of course, the answer would usually be to sack the manager. Sounds good! Hang on a minute, though - I am the

In a manner of speaking: but in Interactive Team Football you are also the chairman. You choose a manager as well as eleven players, but you pick the team. Unlike what happens at real football clubs Don't be too sure. Who's your manager at the moment?

Overtaken by events there, then. You have no choice about

changing managers. Hmm. But I have to get one for the same money.

But Pleat was revalued down to only £1 million. Who am I going to get for that?
You'd be surprised who you could get, depending on

whether or not you've already got two players from that

Danny Wilson up at Barnsley, of course; half a million to you. David Jones down at Southampton, for the same money. He's started to put some results together. Yes, he might be worth a try. I see Southampton are at home to Barnsley on Saturday, then Sheffield Wednesday. Now you're thinking like a successful ITF manager.

I read it in last Tuesday's paper, actually. Any other bargains in the management department? Bert Paton of Dunfermline or Gordon Strachan at

Coventry, for the same money as you'll get for Pleato. Those of us in the know call him that. They've all got nicknames, you know, like Fergie, or Toddy, or Wilko. Big Ron, Gorgeous George. I think it's the Bald Eagle for

The Baid Eagle? Is that a Crystal Palace joke? No. I'm talking about Jim Smith, the Derby County manager. They're doing well, and he'll only cost you a

million, which is cheap at the price. He's bound to go up in the next revaluation, in my opinion. So he gets your vote of confidence? Now that's not a phrase I'd advise you to use anywhere a

manager can bear it . . .

Every month there is a £1,000

winner in ITF. This week some

shrewd tactics saw a Surrey care officer scoop the October prize

DAVID Edbrooke-Stainer, a senior care officer at an old people's home in Haslemere, Surrey, is the winner of the ITF monthly prize for October with a total of 219 points. He receives £1,000, a signed Mitre football, a Mitre sportsbag and two tickets to a Premiership game.

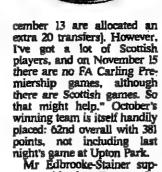
How did he do it? Let him explain: "You're always advising us to use the transfer system; well, the weekend before last, I made three transfers in the five minutes before the deadline: I exchanged Poom, who would have lost me six points, for Schmeichel, who got eight; McNamara for Kelly; and transferred Lombardo out in favour of Andy Cole, who got a hat-trick. It worked out to 41 points, otherwise I probably wouldn't have done it."

Although he uses the transfer market to good effect, Mr Edbrooke-Stainer, who, like a lot of ITF competitors, has entered more than one team. relies on certain players for consistent performances.

"Obviously, Andy Cole was my most important player in this one, but Marco Negri and Matt Elliott have been in every team," he said.

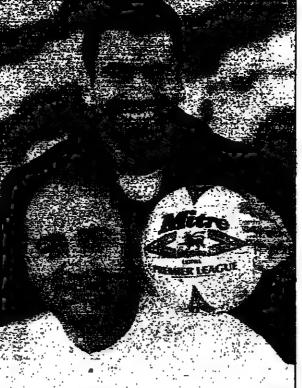
He also has his eyes on the main ITF prize of £50,000. He has another team currently on top of the league -- but it may not last. "I'm almost out of transfers," he said. "I hope I can hang on until December (teams registered before De-





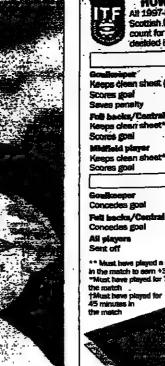
ports Aldershot Town, who play in the Isthmian League

Words: Nick Szczepanik



David Edbrooke-Stainer receives his prize from Francis Benali yesterday

("not looking bad at the mo-ment"), but will be attending a Premiership game with the tickets that form part of his monthly prize. Did he have any ideas about a possible fixture? "Arsenal against Liverpool, perhaps. I like the way Arsenal play now, al-though I used not to. Arsene Wenger's done a really good job. It will be nice to see . . . I was going to say 'some decent football', but perhaps 'football of a different standard' would



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Family celebration among October mini-league winners

THERE was a family feeling about the results of the minileagues for October. Two brothers, Tikanand and Hemant Gujadhur, were the respective winners of the Internet and Students' leagues. Hemant, a final-year medical student at Sheffield University, will be taking over his brother's teams when Tikanand, a barrister in London, goes back to Mauritius in December. "We hoped win the £1,000 prizes for

I'm pretty pleased." Some players are common to both winning teams: Gilles Rousset and Neil McCann of Hearts, and Jeff Kenna, the Blackburn full-back. Ms J. Gillies, of Falkirk, was the winner of the wom-

en's league; her team, Duffy's Heroes, relied strongly on Marco Negri and Peter Schmeichel, as did Shank United, the selection of James Toogood, from Newcastle, the both the Internet and main or winner of the youth league.

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(2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one club.

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Strong players in weak teams can still score highly in

ITF — but a manager stands or falls by results

The pictures of a careworn David Pleat taken during his Sheffield Wednesday team's 6-1 pounding at Old Trafford on Saturday emphasise the pressures of what is often referred to as the loneliest job in football. Wednesday never recovered from a poor start to the season,

irom a poor start to the season, and the sack, described by one former manager as the only certain thing in football, followed yesterday.

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, is leaving because he fears an end to Rangers record of success. It's tough at the top; but try telling that to David Pleat. David Pleat

In Interactive Team Football, the points scored by a manager are related solely to his team's results. A player in an otherwise undistinguished team can still be a valuable contributor to an ITF selection if he maintains a good personal points-scoring record; Beni-to Carbone, of Wednesday, is the obvious example.

Managers, however, stand or fall, as ever, by results. They receive three points for a win, one for a draw, and incur no penalty in the unlikely event of their being shown a yellow or red card. The main drawback is that they lose a point for every defeat.

Lowest scorers among managers, therefore, are those at the bottom of their respective premier leagues: Pleat, Alex



Danny Wilson of Barnsley, Wilson, although his club have struggled, is thought to be in less danger than managers of clubs where expectations are higher. Gerry Francis, at Tottenham, is thought to be the likeliest departure after the failure of his considerable financial investment in the Spurs team and, after Sunday's home defeat by South-ampton. Howard Kendall of Everton will be apprehensive whenever the phone rings.

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their manager should now use the transfer system to acquire a replacement, as they must when a player is transferred out of the premier leagues; the new Wednesday manager will not be substituted automatically. When a new man is appointed at Hillsborough, his value will depend on the perceived likelihood of his affecting Wednesday's position. A Johann Cruyff, for instance, would be valued more highly than, say, a younger manager plucked from the lower leagues (John Duncan of Chesterfield comes to mind), with contenders like Ron Atkinson somewhere in



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HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

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ENO to share with Royal Opera

■ The "exclusive" Royal Opera company is to share its Covent Garden home with the "people's" English National Opera from 1999 under a startling proposal from Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary.

The ENO will abandon the London Coliseum and join the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet at the redeveloped Royal Opera House, to be renamed the Covent Garden Theatre...... Page 1

Woodward asks for new verdict

■ Lawyers for Louise Woodward, convicted for the murder of eight-month-old Matthew Eappen, filed a motion asking the judge to set aside the jury's verdict and to order a finding of not guilty. An alternative motion asks the judge to order a new trial. The lawyers move that should these alternatives not succeed, then there should be a manslaughter verdict.. Page 1

Secret author

The biographer Helen Cathcart revealed the inside story of the royals. Only on the death of her friend Harold Albert has her secret been disclosed; she was Harold Albert.... ... Page 1

Lorry strike chaos

Striking French lorry drivers blocked roads, fuel depots and border crossings, vowing to maintain their stranglehold for "weeks" unless wage demands Pages 1, 6 are met

Cancer screening row

Sweeping nationwide reform of breast and cervical cancer screening processes is to be carried out after the second highly critical report in a fortnightPage 2

Meningitis struggle

Doctors were struggling to contain the outbreak of meningitis at Southampton University, where three students have died within the past month Page 3

Long-distance justice

A wealthy market trader was jailed for life for the murder of his wife after an investigation that took detectives from Wiltshire to the Punjab.... Page 5

Nurses blamed

Staff at Merseyside hospital allowed an eight-year-old girl to play with a sex offender and turned a blind eye to drugs and hardcore pornography, a publicPage 8 industry .. inquiry was told

Drought warning

The Environment Agency issued drought warnings after a survey showed that the past 30 months have been the driest on record. It urged households, especially in the South, and East Anglia, to conserve resources Page 9

MI6 man accused

A former MI6 officer was remanded in custody accused of trying to publish a book about his work with the service Page 11

Bolger retires

Jim Bolger announced his resignation as Prime Minister of New Zealand. His retirement followed a leadership challenge by Jenny ... Page 12

iraq confrontation

The United Nations dispatched a delegation to Baghdad after a UN weapons inspection was blocked because of the presence of an American...

Forward planning

Rudolph Giuliani, the Mayor of New York, has been campaigning for a landslide re-election victory which could launch him as the Republican "Great White Presidential Hope"...... Page 14

Streets of gold After repeated failures to stamp out street prostitution. Moscow is now considering legalising and taxing the world's oldest profession, which has become a boom

Prince faces the music with dignity

■ Prince Harry found himself on a steep learning curve on the matter of overseas royal touring when he was lunged at by a itoupe of date-dreasied dancing girls welcoming him to a Luit village. He hardly knew where to look. The 13-year-old Prince, who is accompanying his father for part of his visit to South



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Pupils from Wardle High School Year 8 Brass Band, Rochdale, at the three-day Music for Youth Schools Prom in the Albert Hall yesterday. The concerts are presented in association with The Times Educational Supplement.

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Bank backs EMU: Eddie George said that Bank of England economic policies will "pursue a parallel track to euroland" with EMU convergence in mind....

Olageo holdup: Shareholders in Guinness and Grand Metropolitan may be have to vote on the merger of the two companies before the deal gains clearance from US regulators.... ..Page 25.

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Cricket: Devon Malcolm, who has been formally approached by Northamptonshire and Somerset, has been granted more time by the chairman to decide his future with

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Making amends: On the 150th anniversary of the death of Felix Mendelssohn, his home town of Leipzig is paying belated homage with the opening of a museum Page 36

Dream merchants: The Freud Museum in northwest London is celebrating its 10th anniversary by. commissioning a portfolio of prints inspired by him...

Emotional stew: French choreographer Maguy Marin makes her British debut on the South Bank courtesy of the Dance Umbrella festival with her delightful work Waterzooi.

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Feir shares: The Law Commission

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Support the reforms: The proposals by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, for reform of the legal system deserve the support in principle of all lawyers Page 39

A year after the conflict which had brought to a standstill the national economy for several weeks. France is once again discovering the anger of its lorry drivers. Beneath the worried eye of its European partmers, it is confirming its inability, accept the social compromises negotiated during discussions, but above all, to get them put into action by employers - Le Monde

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The traditional method of changing government in "emerging" de mocracies has now reached the Antipodes: New Zealand has witnessed its first coup.......Page 19

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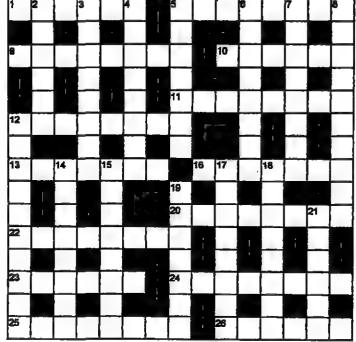
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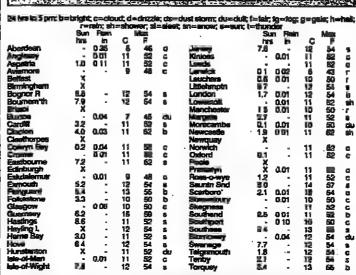
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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4 1997

Bank sets parallel track to single currency



EDDIE GEORGE yesterday gave strong Bank of England support for membership of EMU, insisting that UK economic policies would now pursue a parallel track to euroland". The Governor of the Bank of England told a Liffe conference in Frankfurt that Britain should now be considered a "pre-in" and will have to set its monetary and fiscal policies with convergence in mind.

Mr George, who has previously expressed concern about the rush

Gordon Brown's statement last week on EMU policy had "clarified" the UK's position. He added that the decision of the Government not to join in the first wave would have come as a "considerable relief" to other European parmers as early UK entry would have "increased the economic risks of the project in the

early stages."

The Bank claimed yesterday that Mr George's comments on conver-gence would have little immediate impact on monetary policy. A spokes-man said the Bank's existing inflation target is sufficient to meet this

the Government had left a number of major convergence issues unresolved and there were still doubts in the markets about future policy.

Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, added that the exchange rate issue has not been resolved.

There was further confusion veste day when Hans Tienneyer, President of the Bundesbank, appeared to contradict the British Government over the need for the UK to join the exchangerate mechanism before signing up for EMU. Herr Tietmeyer insisted Britain would have to participate in the ERM

for at least two years before joining a

But Downing Street later said that currency stability, not ERM mem-bership, remained the membership test and that the EU heads of Government would not make a formal decision on exchange-rate

membership until next spring.
The pound surged again after stronthan expected manufacuturing data increased the chances of a rate rise this week. The pound rose two and half plennigs to close at DM2.9113, while sterling's trade weighted index climbed 0.6 to 102.9. The October purchasing

export order books grew for the first time since June. Annual growth in M0, the narrow measure of money supply, rose from 6.1 per cent in

September to 6.4 per cent. The stock market saw calmer trading after a good performance in Hong Kong. The FTSE 100 climbed 64.1 to 4,906.4. The Hang Seng index in Hong Kong closed up 631.33 points, or 5.94 per cent, at 11,255,1, while the Dow was up about 150 points in early trading.

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Liberty to seek buyer to thwart dissidents

THE board of Liberty, the company that owns the landmark West End store, has aunched an international trawl for a buyer in a battle that pits the directors against

the founding family. sale is a last-ditch attempt to defeat plans backed by the Stewart-Liberty family to seize management control. Liberty claims the purpose of the board changes sought by the disenchanted shareholders is to obtain control without paying the premium usually required when a company is taken over.

Together, the family and Brian Myerson, the South African investor, already control 44 per cent of the shares.

Minimum

wage to hit

shoppers

By PHILIP BASSETT INDRESTRIAL KONTOR

THE average weekly su-permarket shop could be

made £1.20 more expen-

sive by the Government's

planned national mini-

mum wage, leading retailers will claim today.

Research by the British

Retail Consortium (BRC)

suggests there is a "strong likelihood" that retail prices will rise as a result of

The BRC survey shows

that a £3.80-an-hour mini-

mum wage would add 16p

to the average weekly

household supermarket

shop of £80. At £4.40 — less

than the target pressed for by Unison, the trade union

the BRC says that it will

add £120 to shopping bills.

The survey will be a main talking point when Margaret Beckett, Presi-

dent of the Board of Trade,

appears before a committee

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and look set to win a proposed shareholder vote. -ING Barings, Liberty's fi-

nancial adviser, is expected to foreign buyer, since the spe to leading British retailers.

Early speculation about possible buyers centred on Dickson Poon, the Hong Kong financier who is the chairman and majority shareholder of Harvey Nichols, the Knightsbridge store company. However. Hong Kong's recent problems and Mr Poon's purchase of Barney's, the New York department store, may rule him out of the bidding.

Barings may also wish to speak to Investoorp, which has previously invested in the Gucci fashion house and the Tiffany jewellery business; Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, the Saudi billionaire who has assembled an international portfolio of high-profile investments, including luxury hotels and Euro Disney; and Nieman Marcus, the US depart-

ment store company.
Other possibilities include
the Sultan of Brunei. Michael Cole, spokesman for Mohammed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, said Mr Al Fayed would not be interested.

Hopes that Liberty might be taken over added £5 million to the company's stock market worth, which has fallen steadly throughout the year. The shares closed up 25p at 37712p,

valuing Liberty at ESS million.
The Stewart-Liberty family
and Mr Myerson's Concerto
Capital Corporation said nothing in the statement from Liberty's board weakened their resolve to press ahead with board changes "to increase the value of Liberty for the benefit of all shareholders".

However, Liberty tried to drive a wedge between the family and Mr Myerson. Its statement said Mr Myerson's earlier proposals, discussed and rejected by the board during the summer, would have involved reducing the family's holding in the company.



The board has put Liberty up for sale in an effort to defeat plans by two leading shareholders to seize management control of the store group

Aitken links with legendary trader in \$1bn health bid

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

THE US health sector could soon be dominated by one of Wall Street's most imposing figures - Lewis Ranieri - who set new standards in gluttony when he ordered five gallons of

guacamole for lunch. The former vice-chairman of Salomon Brothers, described by former colleagues as a fat slob", has made a \$1 billion (£600 million) offer for the Apria Healthcare Group via Hyperion Partners, which he

founded after leaving Salomon. Mr Ranieri is being aided by Timothy Aitken, former head of Aitken Hume, the merchant bank, and brother of Jonathan Aitken, the disgraced former Cabinet minister. Timothy Aitken, who now lives in California, praised Mr Ranieri's intuitive understanding of the

health business". An adviser to Mr Ranieri said: "Perhaps it is ironic that he should invest in the health sector. He is 50 and he feels perfectly fine. But you couldn't accuse him of having no idea what can happen to people's

It had been Mr Ranieri's boyhood ambition to be an Italian chef. But he ended up in the Salomon mailroom with a \$70 a week paycheck in 1968. In 1984, heading the mortgage bond department, he claimed to make more money than all of Wall Street in all of its

businesses together.

According to Liar's Poker, the classic account of Wall Street life in the 1980s, eating was even more important than making money. The traders performed assonishing feats of ghittony. Each Friday was food frenzy day during which all trading ceased and eating commenced. We'd order guacamole in five-gallon drums, for a start," wrote Michael Lewis, the author. Mr Ranieri was unavailable for comment

BZW heads towards the Swiss

By RICHARD MILES

BARCLAYS is expected to announce the sale of BZW, its investment banking arm, to Credit Suisse First Boston, the Swiss-controlled group, in the next few days. Analysts said that BZW is likely to be sold for less than early estimates of up to £700 million, given that CSFB was the only bidder left from a field of more than 20. They said £400 million was

more realistic. Donaldson, Lufkin & Jen-rette (DLJ) and Bankers Trust both dropped out of the running over the week-end, leaving the door open for CSFB, the Swiss-owned investment bank, to dictate

its own terms. Reports that Martin Tayfor will split up BZW and sell chunks off separately if CSFB fails to make a reasonable offer were dismissed in banking circles as a bargaining technique. Tempus, page 30

Europe's largest breweries after agreeing Carlsberg-Tetley's operation in Burton-on-Trent and merge it with the Bass site next door. The combined breweries, currently separated by a fence. would have a capacity of five

million barrels of beer a year. Bass also announced yesterday that it will close two smaller breweries, if it cannot find a buyer, at a cost of £25 million. The threatened sites, in Sheffield and Cardiff, employ 183, although Bass said that many could be redeployed. Bass said that the move was

a result of the decline in demand for real ale. The Sheffield site mainly brews Stone's. The Cardiff products include Hancock's and Allbright.

Bass would not say what it is paying for the Burton site, brews Castlemaine XXXX and some smaller brands, saying only that it was

Bass challenges Europe's best with brewery deal

BASS is to create one of "not material in relation to the net assets of Bass". A spokesman said that most to buy

of the 537 jobs at the former Carlsberg-Tetley site are exterm. The staff will continue to brew Carisberg-Tetley prod-ucts until Carlsberg-Tetley has finished improvements to its remaining breweries. The deal needs regulatory

approval. Office of Fair Trading consultations began yesterday. Bass's attempt to take over Carlsberg-Tetley was blocked by Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade. earlier this year. This left Bass with a need for more capacity and Carisberg-Tetley keen to scale down its operations.

Carlsberg-Tetley also an-nounced that Allied Domeco will not exercise an option to keep a 14.9 per cent stake in it, meaning that the company is Carlsberg of Denmark.

BUSINESS **TODAY**

STOCK MARKET

New York

London close \$314.25 (\$312.75)

US delay clouds vote on Diageo

By JON ASHWORTH

GUINNESS and Grand Metropolitan shareholders may have to vote on the merger of the two companies before the deal gains clearance from US

regulators.

Despite posting formal documents relating to the proposed new company, Diageo, Guinness and GrandMet admitted that the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has yet to pass judgment on the deal. The uncertainty could cloud pro-ceedings when shareholders meet on November 26.

It had been hoped that the

FTC would deliver its findings by the end of October, but the companies are hopeful that talks will result in a mutually satisfactory agreement.
Diageo will pay sharehold-

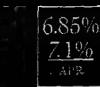
ers £2.8 billion, or 70p per ordinary share, after the merger. This is 10p a share more than had been expected. Guinness and GrandMet said that any concessions demanded by the FTC are not expected to exceed 5 per cent of profit before interest, tax and exceptional items, based on 1996 figures. Therefore they are unlikely to delay implementation of the merger, or

notification or approval. The European Commission said last month that it was minded to approve the merger with certain concessions. These include selling the Guinness Scotch whisky brands of Dewar's and Ainslie's in Europe, and handing distribution of GrandMet's Gilbey's gin in Belgium to a third party.

require further shareholder

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Airbus wins £3bn order as Boeing trims range

By Adam Jones and Oliver August

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE, the pan-European aeroplane consortium, has claimed that its share of the commercial aircraft market is now approaching 50 per cent, after vesterday securing firm orders for 124 single-aisle aircraft, worth up to \$6 billion (£3.6 billion). from

US Airways.
If the airline takes up options on further aircraft, up to a total of 400, the deal could be worth as much as \$18 billion.

The purchase had been in doubt because US Airways had to agree a pay deal with pilots before it felt it was in a position to sign the contract. Deliveries will begin in 1998. Airbus, which celebrated

the 25th anniversary of the take-off of its first aircraft last week, now claims that it is approaching 50 per cent market share this year.

Using its own calculations, which differ from those of Boeing, the industry giant, Airbus claims that it won 43 per cent of orders by number — for aircraft above 100 seats

TOURIST RATES

- in the nine months to the end of September.

Its backlog stands at 1,007 aircraft, worth \$69.2 billion. A spokesman yesterday said that the consortium was keeping pace with the huge surge in orders across the industry, but admitted that capacity problems could not be ruled out if heavy demand continues. Airbus plans to increase production to 234 planes in 1998, from a likely 185 in 1997.

Boring recorded a \$696 million loss in the third quarter of 1997 after a flood of orders halted 747 and 737 production

Boeing yesterday an-nounced that it will stop making two of the four aircraft of McDonnell Douglas, the aerospace group that it took over earlier this year. Produc-tion of the medium-size jets, the MD-80s and MD-90s, will be end in 1999 to cut costs. The two aircraft were being

marketed in direct competition to Boeing's 737. Two other McDonnell aeroplanes, the MD-11 and the MD-95, which is still at the design stage, will be kept, although their longterm future is uncertain.
The cutbacks will let Boeing

step up production of its own aircraft. The aerospace industry is currently at the top of its production cycle, but Boeing's production problems are unusually severe. Analysts said that although the immediate benefit from stopping McDonnell work was small, the move would let Boeing plan production schedules for the next two

years more accurately.

Boeing said that it would deliver the launch order for the MD-95, the newest and smallest of its aircraft, but that it may scrap the model after that. Bob Woodard, the commercial aeroplane president, said: "Production will depend on reducing costs. Over the next several weeks, we will be



David Gee, managing director of Style Holdings, the men's fashion retailer,

12 Envy stores, providing 22,000 sq ft of trading space. The company, which was which yesterday said that it wants to floated on the AIM in August, has signed expand its chain of Envy stores to 40. At the end of its first half, Style traded from 23,000 sq ft. Style also trades from 127

Trench and Diffusion brands. For the six months to August 31, Style reported a 28.3 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £590,000. No dividend is proposed.

CWC go to court | Nationwide plea

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

ing about £10 million a year

and bringing in about £3 mil-

lion a year in revenue, mainly

from subscription fees of 25p

per subscriber per month. If

the number of paying sub-scribers falls, new questions will be raised about the chan-

CWC said yesterday: "There

has been no breach of contract. Our Headstart package is a promotional tool not a

basic package." Headstart of-fers a telephone line and a

small numbers of cable chan-

nels for £11.99 a month. Chan-

nel One is not included.

although it is part of the main

TV, the Mirror Group cable

channel, and NTL another

cable group, reaches the High

A similar row between Live

basic package of channels.

nel's viability.

CHANNEL ONE, the cable TV channel owned by the Daily Mail and General Trust, will ask the High Court today for an injunction against Cable & Wireless Communications, the largest cable group, over how the channel is sold to viewers.

Channel One, the cable news channel for London, which has aiready expanded to other cities such as Bristol, is taking action because it has been left out of the cheapest package of channels that CWC offers to its subscribers. Channel One, in which DMGT has already invested £40 million, alleges that this breaches a ten-year contract and that the channel sould be made available to all CWC's cable subscribers in London.

The future of the channel could hang on the outcome. Until recent measures to make Court on Monday. The case is

Channel One and Treasury rejects

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Government has rejected the Nationwide Building Society's plea to bring in new rules to protect mutuality. The society wanted the

Treasury to make it harder for members to stand for board election. Earlier this year, the Nationwide defeated, by three votes to one, an attempt by Michael Hardern, a freelance butler, and four other candi-

dates to gain board positions. If the candidates had been elected, they would have tried to force the Nationwide to float on the stock market, like the Alliance & Leicester, Woolwich, Halifax and Northern Rock. Flotation would then have been worth around £2,000 for each of the building society's 3.5 million members.

The candidates, labelled as savings, the channel was cost-expected to last two weeks. 50 nominations to stand for second vote.

election. The society wanted the Government to increase this to 350.

However, Helen Liddell, economic secretary to the Treasury, has rejected the society's plea. She claims that any such move would be undemocratic".

Her decision now leaves the Nationwide vulnerable to a second attempt by "carpetbag-gers" to gain positions on the society's board. Five new candidates in favour of conversion are already putting themselves up for next year's board elections.

The Nationwide now has nearly four million members. Many of the 500,000 who have recently joined are speculators hoping to gain another wind-tall. making it unlikely that

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Reed to auction IPC despite suitors' hopes

REED ELSEVIER looks set to sell its IPC magazine division for at least the £800 million price tag after it emerged that a number of media groups wanted to pre-empt an auction by putting down a premium price in return for exclusive negotiating rights. However, the company has decided to proceed with a two-stage auction around the turn of the year. Interest has come from a wide range of serious media players including VNU of The Netherlands, Bertelsmann and Bauer of Germany and Hachette of France. KKR. the US venture capital group, has expressed an interest, as has Emap, the British media and exhibitions group, the Mirror Group, publishers of *The Mirror*, and News International, the News Corporation subsidiary that owns *The Times*.

House price setback

THE annual growth rate in house prices dropped sharply in October but does not threaten the gradual recovery in the property market, the Halifax said yesterday. According to the Halifax House Price Index, annual price inflation fell to 5.4 per cent last month from 6.99 per cent in September. The Halifax said the drop merely reflected a strong rise in October 1996. On a seasonally adjusted basis, house prices rose 0.4 per cent in October, 0.2 per cent more than in September.

Automotive gloom

AUTOMOTIVE PRECISION HOLDINGS, the troubled engineering components maker, lost 36 per cent of its market value yesterday after saying that demand for its can-opener parts had unexpectedly tailed off in recent months. It has suspended production schedules until the market settles. The company also said that an internal cost-cutting exercise has run over budget and been more disruptive than expected. The shares — 120p earlier this year — fell 10p to a 172p low.

Pudding millionaire

RORY RHIND, founder of The Pudding Company, is set to become a paper millionaire when the cakes and deserts firm joins the Offex exchange next month in an offer for subscription to raise £820,000. Mr Rhind will enjoy a £1.35 million stake in the company, which will be valued at £3.28 million. It is being renamed Sterling Foods, and is placing \$20,000 shares at 100p apiece through Griffiths and Lamb, the broker.

Blakes issues warning

BLAKES, the menswear chain spun off from the Formal Group in August, has given warning that the pace of its sales growth has been curbed by the warm autumn. Pro-forma profits before tax were £176,000 (£111,000) for the six months to September 31, leaving earnings of 1.39p (0.92p) a share. However, the company stille expects to progress this year. It has agreed terms for a further four stores. The shares, which ioined the market at 73p, held at 745p yesterday.

Deal lifts Pan Andean

SHARES of Pan Andean Resources rose 19 per cent as the oil exploration company said it had agreed to buy two oil and gasfields in Bolivia for £1.64 million. The first field has at least two major exploration targets with drilling due to start next year. The second has reserves capable of supplying a 30mw power station. The company will deliver a progress update at the end of next month. The shares, which trade on

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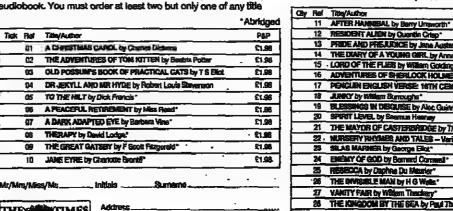
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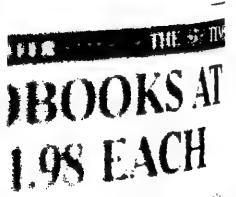
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Bain and his Low Pay
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Commission now inviting opinions on where the minimum wage should be set, they
must be prepared for some
serious ear battering from the

voices of vested interest.

The British Retail Consortium is warning in shrill tones that shop prices could soar as a result of the minimum wage, impacting on the unwaged as well as those in work and so disadvantaging the poorest in our society. It is a valiant effort that the shopkeepers' lobbyists feel obliged to make, given that some members do pay, minimal wages and would like to continue to do so.

But even the BRC has to concede that, set at £3.80 an hour, a national minimum wage would not produce too much of a would not produce too much of a blow for the unwaged consumer. In fact, it would add just lop to an average £30 supermarket bill. Raise the minimum to £440, however, and the extra cost would be an inflationary £120. At the opposite end of the vested interest spectrum from the BRC, the unions that are making BRC, the unions that are making their submissions to the Low Pay Commission are unanimously

setting their sights above 64.

Yet the bald figure is only part of the argument. There, have already been heavy hints that youngsters might be exempt from the minimum wage and that the definition of young could stretch as far as 25. The BRC chose to calculate its figures on

Many sides to a minimum wage

the basis that the minimum wage would apply to staff aged 19 and would apply to staff aged 19 and over. If the eventual legislation does stretch to 25, it could radically after recruiting patterns, particularly in those industries such as retailing, where there is a high rate of staff turnover. Policies pioneered by B&Q for bringing grey-haired experience into the stores with a chirch of over-50s on the short church of over-60s on the shop floor could rapidly go into re-verse. Ageism would instantly be

back in vogue.

Professor Bain and his entonrage have until the spring before making their recommendations to the Government, but on one point he has indicated there is no room for manoeuvre. The mini-mum will apply across the country, although there is a growing clamour of voices in favour of regional weightings. If the minimum is the army the minimum is to apply to Llandudno as well as London, then it will have to be low.

companies, and government bodies already accept the necessity for varying wages to take account of local living costs and it seems perverse for the minimum wage to ignore the fact that survival in the South East is much more costly than in Tyneside, When a shoe manufac-



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

inner from Somerset raised the issue of regional weightings, he was apparently met with the sprightly riposte that he did not charge more for his shoes in some parts of the country than others, did he. But a number of penilses the country majoral retailers do operate regional pricing structures to take account of the prevailing local market and the costs of operating in it. Surely they should have some flexibility to deal with their staffing in the same way.

Eddie's parallel track to nowhere

ddie George reckons that sterling, notorious as the post-out currency of the European exchange rate mechanism, should now be treated as the pre-in partner in monetary union. With the zeal of a convert, the Governor promises that Britain's monetary and fiscal policies will march parallel to those in

euro-land. The novelty is only in the tone. UK policy has aimed to meet the Maastricht tests for joining the euro since 1992, and has done so with increasing

clarity as the years passed.

If the new tone of bonhomic is to breed any substance, things will have to change in ways that challenge both the Bank of England and the Treasury. It was probably by accident that the Governor chose the term "parallel" in his remarks in Frankfur yesterday, but the word exposed the dilemma.

Parallel paths do not conwerge, though they appear to if looked at from a distance. Be-yond chance, why should the economic cycles of the UK and euro-land converge of their own accord by 2001? If the UK and the Bundesbank/European Cen-tral Bank apply the same policy tools to different domestic data. they are just as likely to maintain the same degree of divergence unless you make an heroic

assumption that sound policies have killed business cycles.

If economic cycles diverge, the strain is diffused by currencies. Exchange rates rise and fall as business trends at home and abroad pass each other on the way up or down, propelled by differing interest rates.

Speaking alongside Mr George, the Bundesbank's Hans Tietmeyer rightly reminded us be back in the exchange-rate mechanism for at least two years by way of preparation. This is not just German love of rules. If economies are to converge by design, policy at some point has to aim to keep sterling in line with the euro, whatever the domestic consequences. The French economy did not suffer so

long for no reason. Big comornies can only be said to have converged when their exchange rates keep in line at roughly the same interest rates. Maybe luck will intervene, the

UK economy will grow at a stable rate and the Continent will catch up within the next four years. Otherwise, a Labour government will surely not be able to make an intelligent decision to join the euro early in the next parliament, unless the Treasury has changed its instructions to the Bank's monetary committee

Family loyalty the key at Liberty

well before the election.

lizabeth Stewart-Liberty is a formidable woman who has, in the past, resisted all overtures to persuade her to sell the business she married into. By resorting to the scorched earth defence of putting the business up for sale, Denis Cassidy may have hit on the ideal way of bringing an abrupt halt to her curious liaison with

Brian Myerson.
For Mr Myerson is not wed-ded to the Liberty business or its heritage; he is driven by purely financial motives and if he could exit from Liberty without book-ing a loss, the betting is he would be on his way very rapidly.

His discontent with the current leadership of the company appears to be relatively recently conceived. Only this summer he was putting together ingenious proposals for restructuring the company, which would have substantially benefited the existing directors while diluting the family's shareholding.

Now that Mr Cassidy has invited offers for the company, Mr Myerson has the option of finding the wherewithal and launching a full-scale bid rather than trying to organise a covert

than trying to organise a covert takeover. That is not likely to be his favoured option. There should be other takers for the company: its label is popular both in the United States and

But they may find it hard to prise the Liberty holding away from the Liberty family. One is reminded of the plight of Gra-nada, locked into the holding in Savoy because Lady Wontner will not be budged.

Looking east

A SURVEY by the property experts Healey & Baker finds that European business chiefs rate London the best city in which to locate, far ahead of Paris, Frankfurt and Brussels. Quality of life barely features in their considerations, you understand. Intriguingly, however, it is to eastern Europe that most of the 513 companies polled are looking for expansion. Within the next five years, 90 of them expect to open in Warsaw and 81 in Prague.

Weston sits on £1.5bn AB cash pile

SHAREHOLDERS in Associated British Foods, the food wand retail company controlled by the Weston family, were yesterday told not to expect a slice of the company's famous £1.5 billion cash pile — in spite of rising profits and no firm acquisition plans.

The company did, however, promise to give a one-off payment of £45 million to shareholders through a 5p special dividend, after the profitable sale of its Irish retail operations to Tesco for £640 million. The dividend will be paid on February 23 at the same time as a second interim

dividend of 5.75p. The move comes as the City the company's of holding vast. mounts of money in its bank ccount without making acquisitions. The policy is enforced by the Weston family, has a májority shareholding in the company. Garry Weston, the 70-year-old chairman of AB Foods,

to £23m

(Chris Ayres writes).

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and had made a pre-tax profit

of £7.8 million, Waverley said.

Losses per share are 50.7p

said yesterday: "We sold the Irish group for a very good profit and a lot of cash was released. Shareholders have a right to benefit from that. But it is a one-off. We could never have bought British Sugar six years ago if we had not had money in the bank. A lot of opportunities that come up will be for deals of that size."

Mr Weston confirmed that AB Foods would make an offer for the ingredients division of Dalgety, the troubled petfood and agribusiness group.

AB Foods saw a 9 per cent fall in sales for the year ended

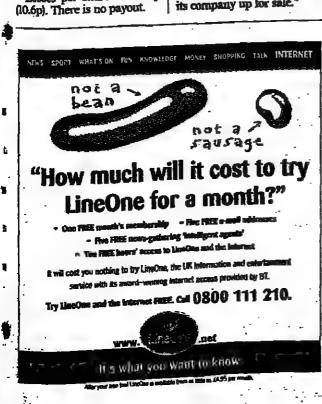
September 13, from £5.7 billion to £5.2 billion, which it blamed partly on sterling's strength. from £430 million to £850 million, although profits on continued operations advanced only 10 per cent to £401 million. Earnings per share jumped from 31p to 75.6p. The company said profits had taken a £39 million hit from sterling.

Hilton in Loss grows new bid at Waverley for ITT

HILTON HOTELS, which is mining investment company Group, yesterday sweetened its bid in the battle for ITT that recently parted company with Willie McLucas, its chief Corporation, owner of executive, has dipped much deeper into the red, with Sheraton chain (Oliver Auannual losses growing from 64.4 million to 523.6 million

Hilton made a new \$9.3 billion (£5.5 billion) bostile offer after earlier being outbid The company blamed much by Starwood Lodgings, an of the bad news on extensive investment trust. Ön liery, near Edinburgh, which Starwood's \$9.8 billion merger agreement. But the hotel end after having closed in group claimed its stock swan opent was smaller and man, said that despite the

its shares less volatile. Steven Bollenbach, Hilton's chief executive, said: The Starwood offer is long on questions and short on answers. We think we have very, very strong support from our shareholders. The big thing is that there has been a lot of change in the world in the last three weeks. ITT finally put its company up for sale.



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Shares volatile as new system adds to problems

to stay. But ask the average broker how he can justify a 64-point leap in the index with less than 600 million shares traded and the answer, invari-

ably, is that he cannot. Yesterday was a classic case in point, with share prices on both sides of the Atlantic again racing away, leaving the events of last Monday and Tuesday as just a faded memory. At one stuge, the FTSE 100 index was 102 points higher on turnover of less than 300 million shares. It lost virtually half that rise to close (4.1 up at 4,906.4, with just 579 million shares changing hands.

Sets, when it was introduced last month at a cost of £20 million, was going to revolutionise share trading for investors by narrowing the spread between hid and offer and increasing volume. It would make pricing more competitive, thereby giving a better deal to investors.

But it seems the opposite is true. Spreads have widened considerably, turnover has dropped off and many brokers are reluctant to use the system. They say the prices quoted cannot be trusted. It is these wide spreads that cause the wild fluctuations in prices.

In these current nervous markets, it is the last thing that hard pressed traders need to cope with. Later this week the focus will again fail on the possibility of another interest rate rise, which could reverse the gains seen yesterday.

As one broker commented: "This isn't any way to run a financial market. The last thing we need is increased

Among the leaders, Unilever surugged off some bearish comments from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. the broker, to finish 10¹2p better at 4541 an ahead of thirdquarter results on Friday.

The "for sale" sign has gone up at Liberty, the up-market retailer, and the shares responded with a jump of 25p at 37712p. At these levels, the group commands a price tag of £85.5 million.

force at Argos, as the price firmed 21p to 65212p on turnover of more than one million shares after BZW issued a 'buy" recommendation. But Next retreated 23p to 687p. with Charterhouse Tilney raising a question-mark over



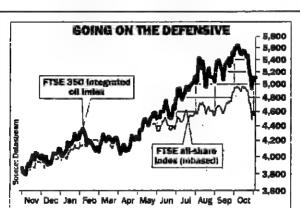
Ebbe Dinesen, of Carlsberg-Tetley, and Iain Napier. celebrate the purchase of Carlsberg Tetley Burton

ahead of interim figures on Thursday. The market is looking for an increase in pre-tax profits from £239.1 million to around £254 million, with a 10 per cent increase in the

dividend. Marks & Spencer also shrugged off recent weakness to close 5p better at 610p. The group is expected to outline plans later today of a £2 billion

expansion programme. The announcement will coincide with half-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £431.5 million to £465 million.

Soon to be merged Guinness rose 1412p to 54712p with Grand Metropolitan, its partner, adding 612p at 54412p. They intend to make a special payment of 70p a share



I't will be a busy week for the oil companies, with third-quarter results out this morning from BP, up 17¹₂p at 893s p. and on Thursday from Shell. 105p firmer at 433p. The sector has also been buoyed by increased tension in the Middle East, where Iraq the United Nations. Brokers say the failure to renew iraq's food-for-oii agreement would strip 800,000 barrels of oil a day

out of the market and raise

This, combined with the

markets, generally means that oil shares are back in vogue among investors. Paul Spedding at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, says they make an defensive position during periods of volatility.

"We continue to be overweight in both BP and as far as we are concered". He adds that the oil sector was ignored for some time. but began its return to favour last year.

"If you are looking for defensive qualities, then provide it the oils

than originally indicated. BZW reckons both share prices are around 100p too

Affied Domecq stood out with a jump of 1212p at 499p after Carlsberg, the Danish brewer, waived its option to sell a near 15 per cent stake in Carisberg-Tetley to its partner for £33 million.

Under the terms of the Allied and Carlsberg, when Allied sold its 50 per cent stake in Carlsberg-Tetley, headed by Ebbe Dinesen, chief executive, to Bass, the Danes had an option to sell the stake to

However, the acquisition by Bass, where lain Napier is chief executive, was blocked by the Government in June.

Meanwhile, Bass rose 9p to 837p, after announcing plans to close its Sheffield and Cardiff breweries. It blamed the drop in demand for cask conditioned ales.

Société Génerale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, has turned bullish of Royal Bank of Scotland, up 8p at 640p with just a 1p spread on the bid and offer price.

Remember Tuskar Resources? A favourite with City speculators during the 1980s. It is again attracting interest, with the price firming 14p to 434p as almost one million shares were traded. They say there is good news in Nigeria.

GILT-EDGED: Prices traded lower in a narrow band as investors focused their attention on the possibility of another rise in interest rates later this week after the Bank of England's independent monetary committee meets

Fears were rekindled by the latest rise in the UK Purchasing Managers' Index, indicating further growth in the economy. Trading levels remained subdued.

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A FRIGHTENED stock market appears to have lost faith in Next. Yesterday, the retailer's shares shed 3 per cent in a fit of anxiety about sales growth, and the stock has tumbled some 15 per cent from its August peak of 809p. Finding reason in any share price movement after the past fortnight's turmoil may seem futile. But Next's derating has been steady and has little to do with shock waves from the hurricanes in the South China Sea.

Weak sales growth in August - Next failed even to match inflation - surprised investors who have come to expect a better than average performance from the company. Add to that an aggressive strategy to increase floorspace -Next intends to grow selling space by 7.5 per cent compound for the next three years and the City was left imagining a giant pincer of rising rents and emptying tills.

This is unlikely. Rents could soon become a problem for fringe retailers but high sales densities give Next a cushion, while a shift to larger stores should improve the return from each outlet. The real question is where Next stands in a high street that may have seen its best days. More shops chasing fewer shoppers requires a shift by investors to retailers that command loyalty and have wide appeal. In apparel, two brands spring to mind; Marks & Spencer and Next, Both are investing heavily and Next is now putting its brand on underwear and sportswear. While M&S needs to make huge investments to change its growth rate. Next has only 3 per cent of the market. Neither stock is yet cheap; M&S is on a p/e of 19 for next year's earnings but Next is on a multiple of 16 and its earnings should grow faster. Next looks interesting.

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group will doubtless be shy

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But it cannot afford to be too

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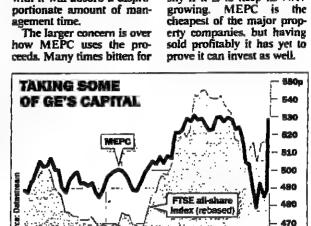
spending £300 million.

MEPC

THE surprise in MEPC's deal with GE Capital is how good a price it secured. Most property experts would have expected the mixed portfolio to trade on yields closer to 10 per cent than the 7.5 per cent at which GE Capital was prepared to take the assets.

Indeed, MEPC's valuers appear to have put a 10 per cent yield on the fund in September last year; the 1996 annual report indicated that small properties were achieving an internal rate of return of 4 per cent while showing a fall in capital value of 6 per cent. The uplift courtesy of GE Capital generates about £67 million for MEPC, but some of that value will already be discounted in the shares.

But this success does not detract from the confusion in MEPC's strategy. Even after



ABF

CHRISTMAS is coming and Garry Weston, executive chairman of Associated British Foods, feels the need to contribute to the festivities. However, that is no reason to break the habit of a lifetime and the special dividend of 5p per share will barely dent the net £1.5 billion that sits in ABF's treasury.

Criticising this company for hoarding is customary, but solutions are not easy to come by. If the controlling shareholder has no requirement for the funds, the choice facing other shareholders is to like it or leave. The irritation is compounded because when ABF does inreturn. Strip out the income from investments and the cash from the balance sheet and you get a return on capital employed of 27 per cent from sugar, milling and baking.

why ABF has so much cash

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in the first place, but investors will not be pleased to know that a third of the market value of ABF is dragging down the rest, earning a meagre £72 million on investments of El.6 billion.

Still, if the market bears have their way, this could be ABF's moment to shine. Further turmoil in the Far East could send investors fleeing from the likes of Unilever and back home to safe bets such as British Sugar and its protected European market. ABF did well in the last recession and further share deratings could finally open the door to a big deal at the right price. If you think that the world is going pear-shaped, ABF is the stock of choice.

Barclays

MARTIN TAYLOR has all the appearance of a homeowner awaiting news from his estate agent that the other side is ready to exchange contracts. He had to admit to the buyer that the property has

WALL STREET

subsidence - you can see the cracks from the street. But all this haggling over curtains. the cooker and who pays for the leaky roof seems excessive to him. After all, everyone was saying the market was hot.

The trouble with BZW is that it is a sideshow for Barclays. With its weak return on investment, merely shedding the assets should improve the picture. The price will be interesting, but not crucial. What will disappoint the market is any sign that Barclays has been forced to keep on any staff and bear the cost of redundancies.

However, the key issue is not investment banking, but retail banking and what stratbusiness in a less attractive marketplace. What has been gained from selling a highcost and low-return investment bank could quickly be lost if the retail market turns nasty. This is one to avoid.

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threw the financial markets into chaos. But while political spin-doctors attract the spotlight, they are far outnumbered by their counterparts who move more quietly in and around the British business scene. Public relations executives, a breed ranging from the bland to the brazen, have been an established part of corporate armoury for more than 40 years. Spin-

smart London PR agencies. In-house PRs

exoctor is the pejorative 1990s name for a particularly aggressive and manipulative

Clients send for the 'unspin-doctors'

rate with these racier types often view them with distaste and suspicion. "As with the Charlie Whelan fiasm the issue boils down to one of control," says one serior company PR. "Outsiders can be joily useful in making companies see the big picture, but because they work off-site you can't properly monitor them. You never really know what they are saying in your

company's name".

Mindful of the risks, many companies listen to outside PR counsel from accountants, lawyers, bankers, stockbrokers as well as the PR agencies themselves. But variety of the species.

The most influential business spin-doctors work not for companies but for smart London PR agencies. In-house PRs

the shrewd clients keep tight hold of the reins of power. Sir Peter Davis, chief executive of Prudential, says: "It is essential for trust and credibility that our

Spokespeople for the Prodential are solely from the Prodential." Mike Blackburn, chief executive of Halifax, the bank, says: "Only Halifax people with Halifax values can speak for the Halifax."

Tim Jackaman, chairman of Square Mile Communications, a PR agency, shares these companies' reservations and says: "If a company consistently relies on a third party to be its mouthpiece it could be a sign of a deep-seated problem. Com-panies should be willing to risk speaking direct to the public. The job of an agency is

giving advice and to a lesser degree advocacy. There are occasions that demand an agency to act as spokesperson, but these should be few and far hetween."

FTSE 100 index have used PR to keep their profile low, while stock market tiddlers have paid for PR to get noticed. But modern PR has taken on a far more important role.

Says Jackaman: "PR is more sophisticated because companies are living in an around the globe and every action made is judged. There is no hiding place." PR now feels the pulse of the public. It eceives information as well as controlling and distributing it. One in-house PR likened the role to "ongoing market

research on the cheap"

Blackburn dubbed Halifax's PR operation "the company's corporate con-science". The office is, he says, often the first to hear the public reaction to what it and its competitors are doing and what is happening in the industry. He calls PR "the enstodian of the brand". Sir Peter concurs, calling PR a "barometer".

He also regards sees talking to the press as a main function of the Pru's corporate communications department. "It is in the frontline of communicating with our key

audiences, customers, staff, shareholders and opinion formers," he says. "Often by talking to the press we can get our message across more quickly than through advertisements or the post."

Nick de Jongh, corporate director of Public Affairs at GKN, the engineering and helicopters group, says PR is important in recruiting. "We employ very bright people who want answers about the company's policies," he points out. "You'd be surprised how many graduate recruits

ask about our environmental stance." The latest problem for PR professionals is dealing with overenthusiastic employers or clients. Says a rueful Jackaman: Because companies have now got the message about giving stories a spin, they sometimes propose angles that are so over the top that we have to dissuade them." So the spin doctors are now becoming the unspin doctors.

LYNNE BATESON

Commission takes temperature on the practicalities of low pay

Philip Bassett on consultation

in Northern

Ireland about the

minimum wage

t is nine in the morning on the second floor of a new £1.7 million community resource centre in Newry, County Down, Outside, a thin rain greyly spatters the big shed shops of Curry's and Poundstretcher. Inside, the town's welfare activists, counciliors and local union leaders are making clear at what level whey think the Government's

The rough streets of Newry are a world away from the committee corridor of the House of Commons, where Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, will appear before MPs this morning to be questioned about the Government's industrial policies, But they are connected - by the intense business and political interest in Labour's plans to introduce for the first time in Britain a legally enforceable national minimum wage.

Des Henderson, from the son, the public service union, and Eamon McDaid, from the textile workers' inion, are in broad agreement: the Government needs to set a minimum of more than £4 an hour. They are agreed, too, on what is likely to prove an area of difficulty for Mrs Beckett, who appears this morning before the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee -the Government's clear indication that people as old as 25 may have to be exempted from the minimum wage

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Mr Toal says the minimum wage should apply to everyone aged 18 and over: "If 18 is good enough to have the vote, and if it's good enough to die for your country, it's good enough to get a decent living minim wage." His reference to dying for one's country carries a particular resonance in the Newry area. It includes South Armagh, once ranked as Northern Ireland's single most

violent rural area. Even with the IRA's ceasefire, a quarter of a century of civil unrest has left a town like Newry hit hard economically. Newry's local business leaders point with pride to new investment in the area: Marks & Spencer is soon to open its



Tony Blair, Margaret Beckett and George Bain regard it as vital to get the level of the minimum wage right

WEST ON THE PARTY

Manual workers' weekly earnings 1996 (in £s)

largest shop in Northern Ireland there, and J Sainsbury is about to open a big new

superstore too. But violence has left its mark the Province the lowest in the UK, with the earnings gap be-tween Northern Ireland and the mainland still widening rather than narrowing, according to the Department for Economic Development in Belfast.

So Northern Ireland is one part of the UK where Labour's plans for a national minimum wage will have the most significant effect if, as looks likely, the Government next year sets a minimum wage at a level expected to be about £3.50 to £3.80 an hour. One reason, too. why the Government's Low Pay Commission has just visited the Province as the second of its trips to different regions to get on the ground evidence of what a minimum wage will

mean in practice. On the ground with a vengeance, too. Not many economics professors spend much of factories. But that was where David Metcalf, the Low Pay Commissioner and London School of Economics professor, went. Not many top London executives spend their time talking to young men about their pay in a small hardwoodflooring distribution depot two miles from the Irish border.

Monk, Granada's human resources director, went.

Professor George Bain, chairman of the Commission. insists that, to do its job needs this kind of detailed, local scrutiny. In the first-floor office of Peter Murray, manager of Newry's Buttercrane shopping centre, where M&S will open next spring, local business leaders are making their pitch at Professor Bain and the Commission. Why not abandon plans for legislation. and try instead just to persuade business to raise its pay rates, argues Brian Rowntree, president of Newry's chamber of commerce. Professor Bain pa-tiently but clearly explains that

Great Britain

ed to legislate on the issue, and intends to do so.

What about a regional rate - especially in an area like. Northern Ireland? asks Jack chamber of trade, who runs three jewellery shops in the Province. Professor Bain says they are charged with recommending a national rate — though he gives a strong indication that the rate will not be a high one by saying that, in doing so, the Commission will have to recommend a rate that works across the country. "We have to strike a figure which will be appropriate in Belfast

and Birmingham." These men and others who the Commission meets as it fans out across Northern Ire-

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land for the day make clear the difficulties of intervenine in complex and often finely balanced labour markets, as the Government is determined to Business leaders all over the UK insist that the Commission

must not recommend a rate that will lead to job losses. Newry has 72 per cent of its working population in the labour-intensive service sector. Unemployment stands current-Yet, Tony Williamson, a local

newsagent, tells the Commission that even if he paid his employees as much as, say, £4 an hour, he would find it difficult to recruit people.

Partly that's because of the hours he must open his businesses - 7am to 11pm, 365 days a year — but partly it's because of the combined effects of the poverty trap, the black economy, the exchange rate and the Republic's economic success. All over Northern Ireland,

indeed all over the UK, people judge it better financially to stay on benefit, family credit and free school meals than take a low-paid job. Labour leaders want their Welfare to Work wage and the study of the tax and benefits system under Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays, to crack this problem - but they know it is Micky Brady, welfare rights

the area "doing the double", as it's called: illegally claiming benefit on both sides of the border, while often working part-time in the black economy as well, though he insists they are relatively few in number. Northern Ireland is the one area of the UK with a land border to another country, and

knows that there are people in

with a weak punt in the Republic and sterling strong, people in an area such as South Armagh manage the exchange rate as part of their daily lives. Shopping in Dundalk, not far across the border, is cheaper, and many in the Province go there now for value for money. Especially for petrol: just across the border, there are private houses with a few metal tanks in their front gardens, flogging petrol to drivers whip-

ping down from Newry. And the "Celtic Tiger" of Dublin, as it's nicknamed in the Province, pulls employ-ment away. With earnings levels of up to £600 a week, construction work in the Irish capital is pulling in workers not just from Northern Ireland. but even from England, in a neat reversal of the traditional route of Irish building navvies.

usiness leaders in an area such as North-ern Ireland warn the Commission of the risks of trying to introduce new wage, into this finely balanced

Labour's plan to introduce a minimum wage is a new tough factor with which business across the country has to deal. As Tim Dewhurst, chairman of the Dewhurst meat group puts it, noting that his traditional annual pay negotiations are in effect frozen ahead of the Commission's recommendation: "We are in a situation where the Government and the Commission is now controlling a major element of our costs and that is not a comfortable

place to be." Many similar businesses are waiting in a similar position. For George Bain and the Low Pay Commission, that is why vists like its Northern Ireland trip are so important — in addition to all the national-level evidence-taking and economic analysis that it will do before coming up with its key recom-mendation, which will have ustrial effects. For business, for the unions, for low-paid workers, for Margaret Beckett today and Tony Blair when the Commission's advice drops on his desk next spring, that is why it

gets its recommendation right.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Hurdles to membership no incentive for non-EMU businesses to prepare

From Mr Maurice C. Fitzpatrick

Sir, You suggest (Commen-tary, October 28) that the onus is now on business to prepare for EMU. This is against the context of the Chancellor's October 27 announcement regarding EMU, the effect of which is that, were all to go according to plan, the Government would take the UK into EMU in 2003 or 2004.

Given that some !! European countries are likely to join EMU on January I, 1999, then UK businesses engaged in significant trading with Europe will need to make early preparations to accommodate trading with the EMU zone. But what about the millions of small and medium-sized businesses which have no significant trade with the new EMU zone?

Before such businesses spend money preparing for EMU, they need to recognise the nature of the four hurdles, each of which has to be cleared before the UK can join

EMU. DEMU has to work, against the background of the poten-

ruption which could be eaused

by the computer millennium problem:

Labour has to win the next general election;

Labour's five economic cri-

teria for entry, in particular the necessity for the UK and other EMU economies to be in synchronisation, have to be met in time for a referendum in (say) 2002;

A "yes" vote has to be achieved in a referendum. Recent opinion polls suggest a majority of up to 3:1 against entry, indicating that at the very least a significant turnaround will have to occur possibly in the teeth of opposition to EMU from a significant part of the UK press.

Given the likely EMU timescale, and the nature of the above hurdles, it is clear that much of UK business will have little motivation to prepare for EMU over the next five years. Yours faithfully, MAURICE C. FITZPATRICK, Head of Economics,

Chantrey Vellacott, Russell Square House. 10-12 Russell Square, WCI. tially massive economic dis-

Food for thought at Sainsbury's checkout

From Ms Mary Judak Sir, Your City Diary of October 25 appeared to find Sainsbury's T recruitment advertisement featuring a cabbage to be a source of some bewilderment. More entertaining perhaps was the report of a theory,

espoused in your pages three tive Mr Richard Rockingham Gill that the cabbage could perhaps represent the German Chancellor, Herr Kohi. I must assure you that this connection was completely un-

intentional and any political nference is purely conjectural. Nevertheless, I am encouraged by the interest our advertisements have stirred.

The intention is after all to make you look twice - to encourage IT professionals to

change the way they look at Sainsbury's. Readers may well recognise in our other advertisements a whole pattern emerging — the pineap-ple of Nelson Mandela, the olives of Italian premier Romano Prodi, and the green pepper of King Zog of Albania. hand, they could just be groceries. Perhaps The Times should run a competition for its readers to snot the connection, Watch this space . . .

Sincerely Yours, MARY JUDAH. ISD Human Resources Manager, Sainsbury's Supermarkets, Stamford House Stamford Street, SEI.

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Wine seller

LESS than a month after he organised the world's most valuable single-cellar wine auction, Paul Bowker, head of the Christie's wine

department, is quitting. He is joining Bordeaux Index, a wine brokerage founded earlier this year by two City investment brokers, Gary Boom and Richard Mannell. Their company already claims to be about to eclipse established names such as Corney & Barrow, Berry Bros & Rudd and Bibendum as the UK's second-biggest fine wine broker.

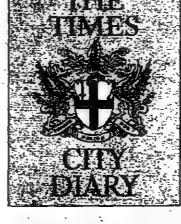


Appropriately, Bowker brought a certain flavour of City wheelerdealing to Christie's. He joined as a junior assistant in 1984, succeeding the highly respected Michael Broadbent as head of the department in 1995. He organised the first auction of en primeur wines, which helped to trigger recent huge rises in wine prices. As a result, last month Christie's wine sales exceeded the total amount taken at King Street in the whole of 1996. It sounds as if he will be sorely missed.

ON THE day that we learn that 1997's sole contribution to the leacon of the 20th century is the bland and rivative term Blairite, I hear that at least one other name was doing the rounds of the new City super-reg ulator before they finally settled on _ exuse me while I go and look it up. Ah. yes, the Financial Services Authority. Somebody thought it would do the regulator no harm with the new Government if they want for the Banking, Life Assurance and Investments Regulator.

Data debased PROOF of something I have long be-

lieved: new technology proliferates according to the ability of the guilible



to afford it rather than their ability to tise it. A survey of 200 corporate financiers by Investext Group, which provides electronic research and analysis, finds them swamped with the stuff but with little idea what to do with it. Two thirds received no training on the databases they are expect-Internet, only 16 per cent use it for those pictures of Pagnela Anderson.

Cross purpose I UNDERSTAND that BT, which

has made thousands redundant at

enormous expense since privatisa-

to use. And while all the banks have connected their people to the information retrieval. The rest are still trying to work out the location of

• DAVID POTTER, chief executive of Guinness Mahon, was in a nostalgic mood at yesterday's Design Council bash about the days, less than 30 years ago, when international telephone calls were rare events. They had to be signed off in advance, with users completing a form listing whom they were calling and how long this was expected to take, "You then had to wait outside the chief executive's office while he signed it."

tion, has found a way of achieving the

same result for free. New roadworks

appeared over the weekend outside

its St Paul's headquarters. These have made crossing St Martin's Le Grand, which separates BT from the

City as a whole, especially exciting.

Halfway across, you discover that the only way to reach the button that op-

erates the other half of the pelican

ights is to step over a barrier and into the oncoming stream of traffic.

Dog's life

WHEN you have gone a few rounds with George Walker in the course of a City career, a quiet retirement painting watercolours must have its attractions. Lord Kindersley, the Lazards merchant banker, took up painting only 18 months ago, and those interested in his progress should go along to The Sloane Club tomorrow for the start of a 12-day exhibition. The 53 paintings on display are all for sale, proceeds to Canine

that trains Labradors and Golden Retrievers to help the disabled. "It is rather early to have an exhibito draw for most of my life, at evening

Partners for Independence, a charity

tion." he admits. "I've drawn or tried classes, half days and so on." That is, when he was not firing George Walker - he was chairman of Brent Walker, probably his most high-profile job, at the start of the mammoth reconstruction there. A Kindersley original will set you back £80 to £200, all of which goes straight to the dogs - framing and other costs are being paid by another charity, the Hedley

MARTIN WALLER



In the frame: a Lord Kinderslev original could set you back £200

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Former Pru chief tipped to head United Assurance

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

the Frudential's UK operations, is being tipped to make a return to the insurance market at the head of United Assurance, the \$1.4 billion life insurer created from last autumn's merger of United Friendly and

Refuge Assurance.
His return is being tipped by institutional investors after the surprise announcement that George Mack. United's chief executive, will leave the company of the end of January. United said he would be pursuing "other interests" and that no immediate replacement had been found, John Cudworth, chairman, said: "Following discussions with the board George decided to leave".

Institutional sources said Dr Mack's departure was a consequence of hourdroom tensions and would pave the way for the appointment of Mr Sutcliffe. Shares in United Assurance

JIM SUTCLIFFE, who re-signed in September as head of on the news, outperforming most of the sector. Britannic, a close rival, fell 2p to 04612p.

Dr Mack has been responsible for merging the two companies, including the rationalisation of the sales force, the creation of a single marketing group and the combining of the two head office operations. The insurer had predicted cost savings of £37 million from the merger but some institutions had begun to question the beard's strategy. They had al-so expressed disappointment at the company's share price performance and the confusion over how oust savings would be split between shareholders and policyholders. After starting out at just over 440p, the shares his a high of 54512p in February but have

been volatile recently. Mr Cudworth said yesterday: "I believe that there is good value in the company."

He said that headhunters had been appointed. Asked about tensions between himself and Dr Mack, he said: "I do not wish to comment on rumours of that nature. George will continue in his role until January and I will continue as

Both men have worked in the life insurance industry for many years. Dr Mack, 52, had worked at United Friendly for 1712 years before the merger while Mr Cudworth, 61, has been with Refuge Assurance for 43 years.

chairman.

The statement from the company said yesterday: "With successful completion of the integration now approaching. Dr Mack has decided to pursue opportunities elsewhere. However, he has agreed to remain as group chief executive for the next three months, by which time the principal remaining integration task relating to the merger should be in place."



Bob Templeman, left, and Terry Roydon yesterday

Builder **Prowting** trebles its profit

By OUR CITY STAFF

PROWTING, the housebuilder, has sold a failed property development of Peter de Savary, helping its overall profits to more than treble at the halfway stage.

The company bought an 80house Falmouth marina that had been built in association with Mr de Savary, but had been placed into liquidation after no buyers were found. It sold 79 of the houses within four weeks, after refurbishment, and legal completion is due in the second half.

After a full six months' integration of Magnus Homes. Prowting's pre-tax profits jumped to £6.78 million (£2.22 million) on sales of £79 mil-lion (£59.2 million) in the half year to August 31.

Terry Roydon, chief executive, said house prices had been improving steadily, but not speciacularly. After a management shake-up, margins nearly doubled to 11.3 per cent. Prowting, of which Bob Templeman is finance direc-

tor. lifted earnings per share to 6.4p (1.6p). The interim dividend is 2.1p (1.9p).

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Zimet sheds part of Freepages holding

who emerged as a bit player during Lanica Trust's bid for Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS), has sold part of his holding in Freepages Group, the freephone company he used to chair. Mr Zimer sold a 5.53 per cent stake to VNU. the Dutch publisher that now has 10 per cent of Freepages, but still retains 9.7 per cent of the group, VNU has been building its stake in Freepages over recent weeks

While Gallileo, Lanica's vehucle, was preparing its abortive £1.2 billion bid for the CWS, it emerged that Trellis International, Mr Zimet's British Virgin Islands company, received £2.4 million for three days work helping to renegotiate a contract involving the CWS and a company restabled by Andrew Penns, the chief appropriate of Lanica controlled by Andrew Regan, the chief executive of Lanica. Mr Zimer, who said the transaction was a personal issue, stood down as chairman of Freepages shortly after stories about the payment emerged.

Costain shares return

COSTAIN shares are to be relisted on Friday after shareholders overwhelmingly approved a rescue share issue that has raised £47.5 million. The restructuring will leave Skanska, the Swedish construction group, with 7.6 per cent of the company. Costain said the restructuring would also increase shareholders funds to £26 million and provide it with a net cash balance of £59 million.

Meteor sales drive

METEOR TECHNOLOGY, the Internet company that has lost 95 per cent of its market value on the Alternative Investment Market, is touring computer makers to revive flagging sales. It is demonstrating VideoTalk, which carries speech and low-quality video images on the Internet. Its shares started falling from 520p when Firecrest, its associate company, lost its broker and was ejected from AIM. They held at their low of 28p yesterday.

Liffe's record October

LAST week's stock market plunge made October the busiest month in the history of the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe), where it traded derivatives worth a nominal £254 billion. Uncertainty over monetary union, had also fuelled the speculative buom, it said, attracting 25.7 million trades in futures and options contracts — some 28 per cent higher than the last monthly record, which was set in September. Its busiest day was October 9.

Silvertech avoids AIM

SILVERTECH TECHNOLOGY, which makes computer "
systems that run oil rigs, has cancelled plans to join the.
Alternative Investment Market after selling 35.2 per cent of its shares to General Electric Capital. The private placing raised the full £3.5 million, Silvertech now intends to seek a full stock market listing after investing the money to expand into other heavy industrial markers. George Kynoch, a former Conservative minister, will remain non-executive chairman.

BP buys small holdings

BRITISH PETROLEUM is to buy in the minority interests of two of its European subsidiaries. It has agreed with the Group to acquire its 6.5 per cent shareholding in BP France for Fr493 million (£50 million), a price of Fr180 a share. BP has also agreed to buy a 6.63 per cent minority in BP Oil España at 8,200 pesetas (£33,30) a share. The shares of BP France and BP Oil España have been suspended on the Paris and Madrid bourses.

Intercare shuts factory

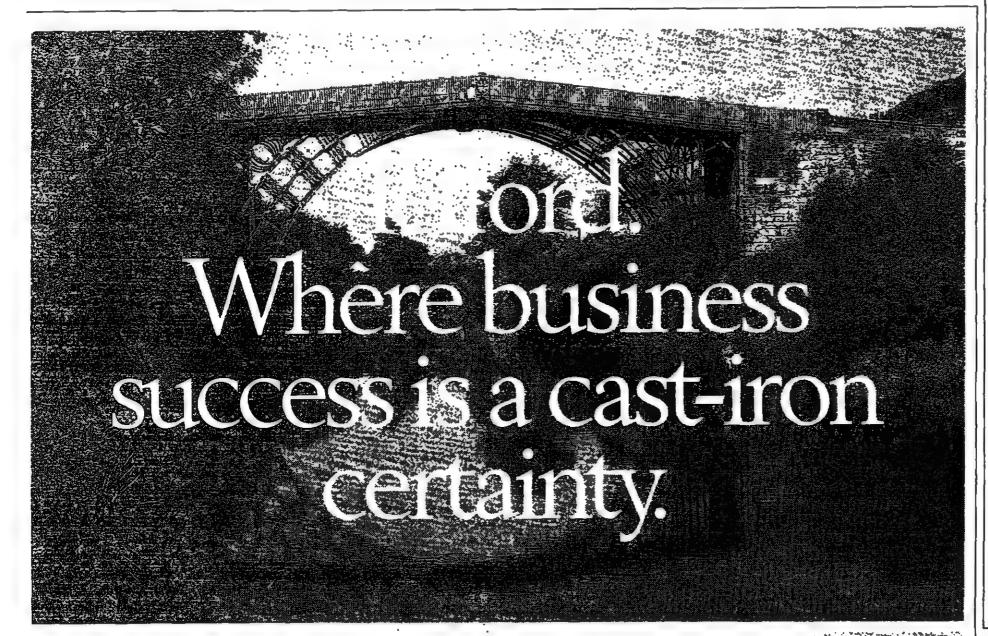
INTERCARE GROUP, which specialises in healthcare, is to close its Booster Electric Vehicles factory in Huddersfield. West Yorkshire, with the loss of 56 jobs. The move, which will cost the group £1.2 million this year, has come because Intercare wants to transfer production of the electric-powered scroters to its Montis Mediquip business in The Netherlands, John Parker, Intercare chief executive, said that most of the market for the scooters is in The Netherlands.

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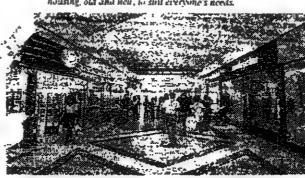
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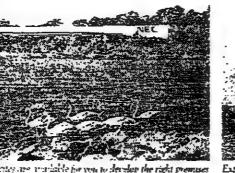
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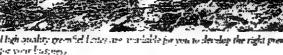
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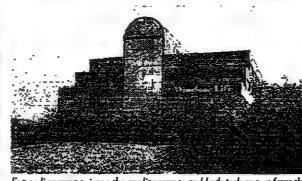


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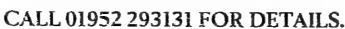
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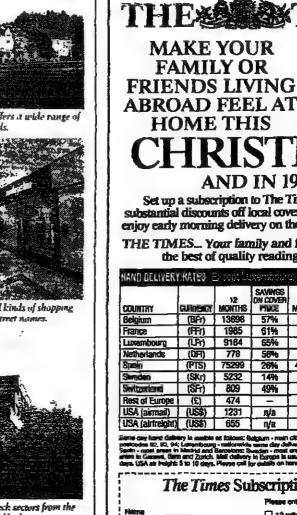
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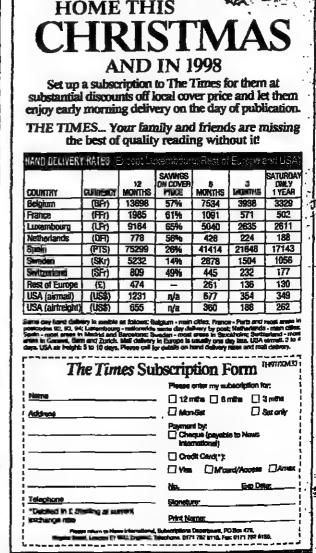
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Sanyo Securities brokerage collapses under £1.8bn debt

SANYO SECURITIES, encumbered by bad debts, yesterday became the first prominent stockbroker to declare bankruptcy in Japan's postwar history. The medium-sized broker-

age house, burdened by debt of Y373.6 billion (£1.86 billion), jed for reorganisation under apanese bankruptcy law. Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, Finance

finister, appealed for calm and pledged that customers' assets would be safeguarded. He said the Government expected Sanyo's three main creditor banks to maintain the brokerage's operating liquidity. Sanyo Securities, with capital of Y39.7 billion and 2.310 employees, became the latest casualty of imprudent lending to non-bank financial institutions (lenders without a licence to take deposits from the public). With the bursting of the 1980s asset price bubble, a number of non-banks have gone under because of customers' inability to repay loans

In May the small Ogawa. Securities closed in the first move of its kind in Japan in 30 years. Seventeen of the 21 midsized brokers have announced losses for the year's first half. Sanvo Securities has been in

property assets.

taken out to buy overvalued

dire straits since being forced to take over Y80 billion in nonperforming assets from its affiliated non-bank, Sanyo General Capital, and other finance companies in 1994.

Under a restructuring plan, Sanyo Securities borrowed Y20 billion from Nippon Life Insurance and eight other life insurers. The brokerage raised another Y20 billion by allocating new shares to its main creditor banks — Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Nippon Credit Bank, and Daiwa Bank - and to Nomura Securities,

The crunch came last Friday when the nine life insurance

companies refused the stock-broker's request for a further extension of the repayment deadline on their Y20 billion in subordinated loans. These are unsecured loans on which repayment priority is secondary if the borrower goes under. They can be counted as equity of the lender if the re-

more than a year. However, rules on capitalties firms require that subordinate loans maturing within 12 months - such as the loans to Sanyo -- cannot be counted as part of the brokerage's capital. When the nine insurers re-

maining maturity period is

fused an extension. Sanyo Sec urities' capital-to-risk ratio fell below 120 per cent, raising doubt about its viability. It had already been hit by falling commissions in Tokyo's slumping stock market and by heavy investment in hi-tech

trading centres. Earlier this year, Sanyo said it would close units in the US, Switzerland, South Korea and China in a restructuring. It has also been operating in Britain, Hong Kong, Singa-

pore and Taiwan. Analysts fear further failures among brokerages as the industry undergoes a shake out before deregulation.



Another strong result from Simon Bentley of Blacks Leisure, which enjoys "good sites and good ranges"

Blacks Leisure's winning strategy

ball shirts and other branded sportswear, a leading sports

retailer claimed yesterday. Blacks Leisure, the owner First Sport, Blacks Outdoor and ActiveVenture reail chains, said stores that discounted sportswear quickly sold out of stock and had to wait to fill their shelves.

SLOW delivery of merchan- Simon Bentley, the group's dise made abroad-is behind chairman and chief executive, the high price of replica foot -- said: "Given that orders are made very early, there is very little point in discounting stock. You do not have the

luxury to re-order. "Although it was found that suppliers were imposing high prices, we frankly sell at prices we think we can achieve, which are sometimes higher than the RRP." Mr Bentley

made the claim as his company reported another strong set of results, after seeing a fivefold rise in its share price this year.

Pre-tax profits were lifted by 36 per cent in the six months to August 31, from £3.9 million to million, on turnover of £53 million, up 34 per cent from £39 million. Like-for-like sales at First Sport were up 11 per cent from last year. Earnings per share rose by 29 per cent from 8.46p to 10.89p. An interim dividend of 1.75p (1.25p) will be paid on Febru-

Blacks will have opened 40 new stores this year and intends to open about the same number next year. Mr Black said: "We have good sites, good ranges, strong customer service and do not run out of stock."

Ruling on lease slows Stratagem recovery

AN "unprecedented" Court of Appeal ruling held back the recovery in profits at Strata-gem, the fridges-to-BMWs group that has suffered losses over the past couple of years. Profits before tax and exceptions recovered to £3.1 million in the year to August 31, compared with a loss of £3.0 million in 1995-96.

Earnings turned around to 7.6p, from a loss of 8.4p, and an unchanged final dividend of 2p takes the total for the year to 4p, unchanged from last time's payout.

However, the group was hit by a £2.1 million exceptional write-off after losing a case at the Court of Appeal over a property lease that the com-

pany inherited in 1993. Rent for the lease had been paid in advance for 20 years, but the landlord argued that

Stratagem was not entitled to a El-5 million discount because of this arrangement. Stratagem has had to pay the £1.5 million, £300,000 of legal costs and another £200,000 of

interest Bernard Kerrison, the chairman of Stratagem, described the ruling as "unprecedented" and is appealing to the House

On the positive side, the group sold Firstpoint, its comouter services arm. generating a profit of £2.3 million.

NRC Refrigeration, which ran into problems as soon as Stratagem bought it, recovered sharply, with £2.92 million operating profits. The building products side had a

Charkin to take over as chief at Macmillan

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

RICHARD CHARKIN, forper chief executive of Reed International Books, is to return to mainstream publishing as chief executive of Macmillan, the US publisher hat used to be owned by Maxwell Communication forporation, from the begining of next year. Mr Charkin surprised the

publishing world last year by leaving Reed Elsevier to become chief executive of Current Science Group, which publishes scientific journals. He was particularly interested in innovative Internet publishg sites. Some of the busiesses were sold to Elsevier zience last month.

Mr Charkin, who will be esponsible for all Macmillan companies apart from St. Martin's Press and Macmilan Magazines, succeeds icholas Byam Shaw, who is to and has worked at Macmillan for 34 years. Mr Byam shaw will act as deputy chairman of the company and Mr

Charkin and John Sargent, chief executive of St. Martin's Press and Ray Barker, managing director of Macmillan Magazines, will report to him. Dieter von Holtzbrinck, of Holtzbrinck, the privatelyowned German publishers

that bought Macmillan two

and a half years ago, will become chairman of Mac-



Brands Hatch chief goes

NICOLA FOULSTON, the 30-year-old chief executive of Brands Hatch Leisure, is adding the role of finance director to her responsibilities after Simon Keeble announced he was resigning from the post in

Mr Keeble, who was recruited to the racing course owner in the run-up to its flotation 18 months ago, said he is leaving to pursue other business interests. Rather than seek a replacement, Ms Foulston intends to take on both roles for the time being.

A spokesman said Mr Keeble's departure was connected to the reduction in financial workload after the flotation 12 months ago. The company runs four race courses and has recent-

ly turned its attention to

entertaining businessmen

and women. Ms Foulston, who was named businesswoman of the year two months ago, was out of the country yesterday and unable to

Phytopharm to seek cures from **Indian plants**

By PAUL DURMAN

PHYTOPHARM, a company that hopes to turn Eastern herbal remedies into Western medicines, is to work with India's largest agricultural business to develop potential

Rallis India, part of the Tata group, has agreed to bear the costs of early-stage toxicology and clinical studies in the hope of eventually securing drug manufacturing rights. Richard Dixey. Phytopharm's chief executive, said that his team would be responsible for selecting which plants to work on, and for later-stage trials of

drugs on patients. Phytopharm, based at Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire, will own the international rights to any drugs developed. and Rallis will retain rights to sell the products in India.

Dr Dixey said that this footprint deal recognised the importance to Phytopharm of certainty of supply. Zemaphyte, the company's treatment for eczema, ran into

problems with UK regulators because of concerns about ensuring the consistency of the product. Unlike conventional drugs, Phytopharm's "herbaceuticals" contain a mixture of active ingredients rather than a single compound.

Rallis is India's secondlargest seed producer and under controlled conditions. It also has extensive interests in bulk pharmaceutical manu-

facturing.
Rallis has agreed to build an extraction plant, costing an estimated \$2 million, to meet international regulatory stan-dards. The first products from the alliance will not be available for some years.

Dr Dixey said that he hoped to be able to issue an update on the progress with Zemaphyte at the time of the company's interim results later this month.

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UN study offers reasons for decline of organised labour

Union membership slips worldwide

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

DECLINE in numbers means that trade unions now represent a majority of the workforce in less than a fifth of all countries worldwide, according to ah international study out today. The annual world labour report

from the United Nations International Labour Office shows that unions now represent less than 20 per cent of workers in more than half the world's

powever, the ILO suggests that the

sarily led to a drop in union influence, with many unions consolidating their strength in key sectors and adopting new strategies for the 21st century.

The ILO says that in 1995, the latest year for which comparable figures can be compiled, about 164 million of the world's estimated 1.3 billion workers belonged to trade unions. Looking at employment and union

membership in 92 countries, the ILO says that in only 14 states — considera-bly less than a fifth — does union membership now exceed 50 per cent of the workforce. In 48 of the countries studied, union

membership is now down to less than 20 per cent of workers. In all but about 20 countries, trade union membership has fallen in the past decade.

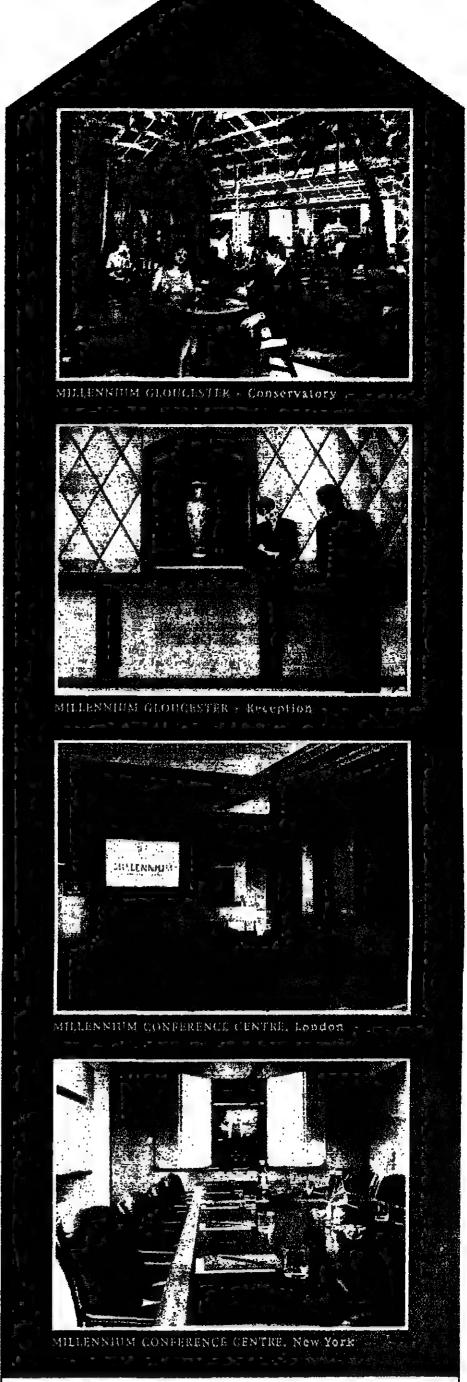
ILO leaders say today that in countries such as the UK, Australia and New Zealand, declines in union membership of 25, 30 and 55 per cent respectively over the past decade stem mainly from changes in employment legislation. In Israel, a 76 per cent drop comes mainly from alterations to health care provision.

However, in the US, changes in the composition of the workforce are seen as one of the main causes of a 21 per

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cent decline in membership to one of the lowest levels of unionisation among industrialised countries.

☐ Trade unions in Britain could save the Government up to £5 billion in legal fees, benefits and medical care for injury victims if people applied to unions for help rather than relying on benefits, John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, said last night. He told the Association of Insurance and Risk Managers that unions would "fill the gap" in civil justice arising from the Government's legal aid reforms by giving union members and nonmembers access to legal assistance.



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For him the bells toll

Top orchestras are preparing to ring the changes for Jonathan Dove's new work. John Allison reports

onathan Dove describes himself as "a very lucky composer". Indeed, few of his colleagues have a dozen different performances of a new work lined up before it has even been premiered, with the expectation of many more. But that is the happy situation in which he finds himself, having been commissioned to write Ringing Isle for this year's BT Celebration Series, one of the most enlightened of sponsorship schemes.

Following its premiere to-morrow by the London Phil-harmonic at the Festival Hall. the piece will be taken up by many of the country's top orchestras, each under a different conductor. And since Ringing Isle has been com-posed to mark the 50th anniversary of the Association of British Orchestras, each of whose 80-plus members are able to perform it free of hire charges, the piece will be coming soon to a hall near

For many in this country. the 38-year-old Dove is the public face of new music. Not only is his style at once individual and accessible, he is perhaps the only composer around who gets out there and gives non-musicians their own musical voice.

His biggest projects, under the auspices of Glyndebourne. have been community operas in Hastings, Ashford and Peterborough. The progress of one, four years ago, was charted on this page by Richard Morrison. All involved hundreds of performers.

When people compose together in groups." says Dove. "you end up with something quirky and unpredictable. I let other people put the first things on the page, although I do filter

Dove discovered quite early on that he wanted to be a bridge, the very first thing I took along to my tutor, Robin Holloway, was a 20-page serial piece, and on page two he said. 'I'm bored already'. That remains the most important lesson I ever had. I realised that he was right, and that even I didn't really want to compose that music."

So it is not surprising that most of his output is for theatre, dance, film and church. He rescored Mozart. Verdi and Wagner (the condensed two-evening Ring) for City of Birmingham Opera. and the link with Glyndebourne has led to a full-length opera for next year's Glyndebourne tour and the 1999 Glyndehourne Festival.

Ringing Isle — no BT puns are intended — takes its title from Handel's comments about the bell-ringing he heard everywhere when he settled in Britain. "The sound of people ringing the changes is a peculiarly British sound of celebration, and a sound of communal music-making, so it seemed a good starting point for a piece celebrating British musical life. My overture is partly a celebratory fanfare, but it's designed to seduce the listeners rather than club them around the head." Characteristically for a musician who always seeks the widest audience, he has produced two versions of his six-minute piece - for chamber and full

Coming from a composer who writes for very practical ensembles and only seldom a full orchestra, Ringing Isle is different to most of Dove's output. He says that he would love it to go into the repertoire", which is something that seldom happens because of the nature of his work. His next project, as music adviser of the Almeida Theatre, is the forthcoming Government Inspec-

symphony orchestra.



doesn't expect to hear the score again. Does that worry him? No. Life is something glorious that happens once and can't be repeated. Of course, I like to write things that I can cherish and play over and over, but there are moments of which you can't always make a CD or video. You have to be there. Either you experience them or you don't."

Ringing Isle is premiered at the Festival Hall (0171-960 4242) to-

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toothache, it is actually more likely to persist than the soothingly beautiful but matequiem for strings that shared the first half with it. As for the Mahler spectacular after the interval if will continue to reverberate round the Philharmonic Hall for some time.

Hirokami's interpretation of the Symphony No 1 in D minor inspired mixed feelings about his intention to perform the whole Mahler cycle with the RLPO. If, however, he does no more than two symphonies a season, and if he approaches them in more or less chronological order, by the time he gets to the later works he will be four or five years older and, with luck, that much wiser.

Everything that happened in this performance, moreover, is in the score — includ-

section to get to its feet in the coda, and the addition of an extra trumpet and trombone to inflate the sound at this point. In fact, Hirokami was meticulous in his reading. Nothing went unobserved and nothing. thanks to his dramatically persuasive way with the orquestion is whether every nuance should become a lurid detail, and whether over the top was a destination which even the ambitious and iconoclastic 29-year-old Mahler would have wanted to achieve. Perhaps he would.

ing the invitation to the horn

One certain fact which emerged from the concert is that, for all its financial problems, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra remains an impressively cohesive ensemble. There is a problem with the strings, but their sensitively coloured and finely balanced playing in the Takemitsu Requiem indicated that it is not insuperable.

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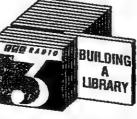
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The performances that reflect the innate theatricality of this introduction, often very close to the darker portions of the Don Giovanni finale, are the most successful. Bruno Walter and the New York Philharmonic seem alive to every gesture, imparting a whiff of sulphur to the rising string figures and steady tread of the main portion of the introduction. Period instrument performers also score well in this introduction with hard drum sticks and martial rhythms: Christopher Hog-



Ancient Music use the same tiny string forces available to Mozart in Prague, resulting in a remarkable clarity to the textures, matched by a lively approach in the outer movements. A number of performers seem too reverential in the fast section of the first movement; among those who offer a straightforward, exhilarating view of this Allegro are Jane Glover and Sir Charles Mackerras.

Of the period instrument performances, Hogwood's is the most pungently characterised. Mackerras and Glover offer appealing performances of this vibrant work. but two old stagers stand head and shoulders above the competition: Walter and Otto Klemperer. Of the two, Klemperer with the Philharmonia Orchestra, although a vintage recording with a perceptible hiss, remains the most illuminating and enjoyable recording available (Testament SBT 1094, E12.99).

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Amends to Mendelssohn

On the 150th anniversary of the composer's death, Carole Rosen sees his home town pay belated homage

t 2pm last Friday Kurt Masur realised a 15-year dream when he officially opened the door of 12 Goldschmidtstrasse, the house in Leipzig where Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy spent the last two years of his life, as the Mendelssohn Museum. "We commemorate here the place where Mahler wrote his Second Symphony. where Brahms lived, where Schiller wrote his Ode to Joy." says Masur, chief conductor of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra since 1970. "But I found it a little shocking that people in Leipzig didn't care about Mendelssohn.

"His birth house in Hamburg has been destroyed, also the family home in Berlin. This house where he lived and died will not only be a museum but a research centre for conductors, singers, interpreters, music lovers and especially children morrow's audience.

Seeing the four-storey neo-Classical building so beauti-fully renovated in time for today's 150th anniversary celebrations, , one finds it hard to believe that only 18 months ago the first-floor flat where the Mendelssohn family lived was a dilapidated photographic laboratory. Baths of chemicals stained the walls of the study where Mendelssohn composed his last master piece, Elijah, for the 1846 Birmingham Festival

Dr Thomas Wach, a Swiss lawyer who bears an amazing resemblance to his great-grandfather, Felix Mendelssohn, says it is little short of a miracle that sufficient money has been donated, particularly from Japanese Mendelssohn lovers, in time to complete the restoration. His grandmother Lilli, the youn-gest of Felix and Cecile Men-delssohn's five children, was born in the house in August 1845, only a month after the family had moved in.

ome of the original furniture remained in the Wach family and is now back in the rooms for which it was designed: in the smaller of the two sitting rooms are chairs and a matching round nedestal table: there are statuettes of Rousseau and Voltaire, reflecting Mendelssohn's intellectual interests. and a bust of his grandfather. Moses Mendelssohn, philosopher of the Enlightenment and architect of the emancipation of the Jews. (Despite his Protestant baptism at the age of seven Felix Mendelssohn was to remain inextricably identified with his Jewish past.) Cecile's more practical homemaking skills are ex-

covers on the horse hair sofa. One of the most significant objects is the large leather travelling trunk, a present from "his English friends" in 1840, painted with a bustling scene of The George in Southwark - essential equipment for Mendelssohn in his exhausting schedule of engage-ments as composer, conductor and soloist, constantly travelling between Leipzig. Ber-

pressed in her wool embrol-

dered fire screen and cushion

It has been possible to reconstruct the original late Biedermeyer decoration and furnishing of the rooms from the many sketches and watercolours that Felix and Cecile made - both were gifted graphic artists. Fellow composer Louis Spohr summed up the essential character of the establishment "Despite every luxury and wealth there was a charming unpretentiousness, so that one felt completely at home."

The most significant room is the spacious salon where Mendelssohn regularly entertained and made music with his friends and contemporaries, including Jenny Lind, Ignaz Moscheles, Ferdinand David, Robert and Clara Schumann, Joseph Joachim and Richard Wagner. It was appropriate that for Friday's opening ceremony Hausmusik was charmingly pro-



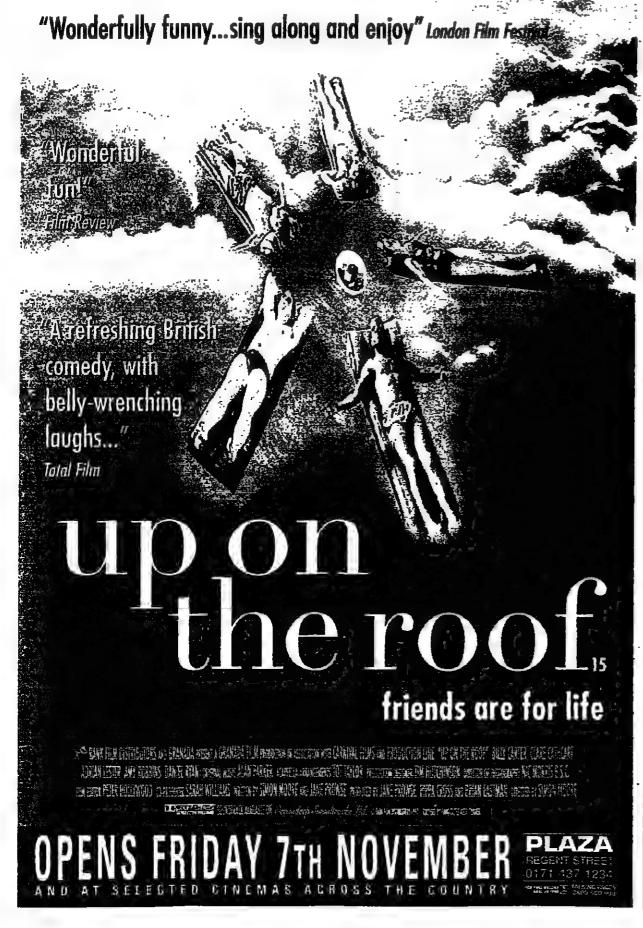
Felix Mendelssohn: fell foul of the Nazi purge

vided by Masur's wife and daughter singing Mendels-sohn duets, and by the Sonata in F for violin and piano played by the leader of the Gewandhaus Orchestra. Frank-Michael Erben, and the Canadian planist Helene Mercler-Arnault

Mendelssohn's tion to Leipzig was immeasurable. He was the conductor of the Gewandhaus Orchestra from October 1835 until his premature death at the age of 38 in 1847. He raised the orchestra to one of the finest in Europe, and further inof the city by founding Music Conservatorium. In 1841 he conducted in the Thomaskirche, Bach's own church, the first performance since Bach's death of the St Matthew Passion

But only three years after Mendelssohn's death Wagner published Judaism in Music, a vicious condemnation of Mendelssohn for his "superficiality": as a cosmopolitan Jew, unlike a true German, he could not reach deep into the human heart and soul, Wagner said. From 1933 Mendelssohn's "Jewish" music was banned from performance in Germany, and his statue outside the Gewandhaus was removed in 1936.

Masur was instrumental in commissioning a new statue. which was erected in 1993. Now he feels that with the opening of the museum as home to the International Mendelssohn Foundation. Leipzig has at last made amends.





Ten new interpretations of dreams

Richard Cork on

the Freud

Museum's launch of a portfolio of prints inspired by

the great pioneer of psychoanalysis

nybody visiting the Freud Museum in northwest London soon discovers how much he valued the presence of art. Antique statuettes. many of them remarkably hypnotic, line the walls of his former home like sentinels. He collected them obsessively, and may have regarded these enigmatic figures as benevolent detties. But Freud also wrote about art, and his 1910 book on Leonardo da Vinci offers a provocative, if over-simplified, psy-chological study of a painter whose earliest memory centred on a kite visiting his cradle and striking his

lips many times with its tail.

Enthralled by this story, Freud was more guarded in his attitude to modern artists. He realised that the Surrealists "seem to have adopted me as their patron saint", but regarded them as "100 per cent fools (or let's rather say, as with alcohol, 95 per cent)". But these reservations did not stop him from encouraging his own grandson Lucian, now the most distinguished living figurative painter. And the bly preserved house where Freud died in 1939 has become a place of pilgrimage, spawning works inspired as much by its potent atmosphere as by the ideas of the man who lived there after fleeing his native Austria.

So Erica Davies, the Freud Museum's director, had no difficulty in commissioning a portfolio of prints to celebrate its tenth anniversary. Cornelia Parker, widely tipped to win this year's Turner Prize, had collaborated with the museum before - most notoriously The Maybe at the Serpentine Gallery, where Tilda Swinton lay in a glass case for the duration of the show. Parker's new print reflects her preoccupation with the psychoanalytic couch. The !!-colour image centres on a projection of a feather from Freud's pillow. Transformed into a dark, arrow-like line, the feather seems to float in a space as unfathomable as the cosmos.

A similar sense of wonder is conveyed by Susan Hiller's print. Nine images based on microscope slides in Freud's museum are displayed in neat rows, accompanied by a quotation from Jacques Lacan revealing his own interest in the great analyst's compulsive urge

Some artists in the portfolio focus on the man rather than his possessions. Claes Oldenburg has produced a typically boisterous print titled Icons in a Smoke-Filled Room. Most of the picture space is filled with blue-grey smoke, apparently swirling up from the analyst's cigar, glowing in a corner. But the most dramatic form is Freud's



Peter Blake's bizarre, dream-filled contribution to the portfolio of ten prints commissioned by the Freud Museum to mark its tenth anniversary. A limited edition of 100 portfolios is on sale for £3,000

☐ Clyde Hopkins's paintings

the balance and touch remain

contrary; each painting app-

ears to be the result of much

jostling in the arrangement of

outflung spectacles. They dominate the print, and each of the round lenses is branded with an X. derived, apparently, from Oldenburg's ... memories of a .cartoon where Mickey Mouse is knocked out by a brick. Then, a similar X hovered above Mickey, signifying a

Freudian state of unconsciousness. The master analyst's trademark dgar is even more prominent in Patrick Caulfield's clear-cut print. Floating near the centre, it gives off elegant trails of black and scarlet smoke. They take the shape of a frond, inspired by the decoration on some of the exquisite Greek vases also to be found in the Freud Museum's collection.

Classical art likewise appears to be the inspiration behind Alisan

Watt's untitled contribution. She has produced a monochrome study of an antique head, far more sober than the other participants. Staring out with curiously sightless eyes, this monumental face is reministhe early 1920s. She seems serene. whereas Paul Wunderlich's print bristles with restless and disturb-

ing creatures.

Long indebted to Freudian psychological theories, Wunderlich sets up a macabre confrontation between a leering woman and a skeleton. The skull's mouth is widened in an equally cerie grin, while three sets of lips hover on the side of the brain. A predatory bird perches on the woman's head, and

she holds a luminous yellow leaf in front of her bony companion.

If Wunderlich seems to have

taken as his springboard a fullblown Freudian nightmare, Joseph an anonymous new novel. It in cludes an observation which Freud himself would surely have commended: "People don't really talk to each other at all ... They use language to disguise meaning as much as to convey it."

However diverse these prints may be, in style and mood alike, they are united by a very Freudian feeling of mystery. Prunella Clough's Delphic is perhaps the most tantalising of all. A black

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graphic paper on the bed of a tast-flowing river in Devon.

Susan Derges continues her

form looms against a warm orange ground. Crimson dribbles from its side like blood oozing from a wound, but the form itself remains erect and secretive. If Clough intended the title to suggest oracuwhat the prophecy might be.

or do we know why a woman presides over Peter Blake's contribution. With one breast saucily exposed and a cigarette dangling from her lips, she looks like a cabaret performer in an interwar Berlin night-club. But she could easily come from Freud's Vienna, and the bizarre images behind her are filled with a dreamlike strangeness. A giant winged

fish flaps through the sky past a battleship, while a bewigged 18thcentury traveller hauls himself from the sea with the aid of a colossal balloon.

What would Freud himself have made of the portfolio, which also includes Matthew Hilton's jagged image called Dora, slashed by the red lips of a gaping mouth? The psychoanalyst might have felt at home with the subversive flavour of the prints, and related them to the fantasies recounted by his own patients. But he is known to have recoiled when a young and adoring Salvador Dali visited him in and research programmes. London only a year before his death. While Dali sketched the old man in a drawing-book, "his eyes

so blazing with excitement", Freud

looks like a fanatic. Small wonder that they have civil war in Spain if they look like that."

But the willingness of all ten artists to make original work for the new portfolio is significant. Their lively prints pay tribute to Freud's continuing influence, and also reflect the museum's increasing involvement in exhibitions and artists' installations. Proceeds from the portfolio, produced in an edition of 100 for sale at £3,000, will help the museum to preserve the collection and develop education

For further information about the portfolio, contact Erica Davies at The Freud Museum, 20 Marcsfield Gardens, London NW3 SSX (017) 435 2002)

Is Frankenstein alive and practising animal husbandry?

Original of the species

LUSUS NATURAE the sport of nature". That was how Victorian showmen advertised their funfair freaks, their bearded ladies and doubleheaded rats. The public queued to enjoy the horrid humour, to poke and giggle and stretch their eyes. Nowadays we are

less honest about our curiosity. Of course we still find a fascination in mutants. Why, otherwise, would breed hairless cats and graft a human ear on to a living mouse? But the cruel pleasure once openly taken has been buried. We call such freaks not

sports of nature, but "wonders The bizarre taxidermic creatures of the German artist Thomas Grunfeld stalk between the realms of joke and genetics. In his pieces animals of different species are joined seamlessly together: an ostrich's body is stitched to the head of a cow, a fawn sprouts bat's wings on its back, a swan is juggled with a hare. The connections are invisible, leav-ing the impression that they have been genetically rather than surgically combined. Standing or lying in their lifelike poses, Grunfeld's Mis-



Misfit (cow), by Thomas Grunfeld (1997)

fits seem in some odd way his concern is only to open up onto natural — familiar even the power of ambiguity. quite natural - familiar even to any who have played the childhood game of animal pairs - and yet fantastical.

Grunfeld is disappointed that the Saatchi Gallery has chosen to exhibit his creations in glass cases. "Behind glass they seem more harmless, more like curiosities in a natural history museum," he says. He prefers to encourage direct response, although he is anxious - a touch too anxious to insist that he does not try to shock. "I don't aim for the bizarre," he says. "I even try to

avoid it. But art needs one easy

entrance, one simple level at

which everyone can react."

THE JOHN DAVIS GALLERY STOW ON THE WORLD Until November 22nd LIONEL AGGETT EXHIBITION

'A Spanish Daybook' 50 Landscapes from the Artist's recent Iberian Tour. Prices £600 - £3,500. Full colour catalogues £5 Call: 01451 831698 or Fax: 832477

investigation into the naturally made natural image. The moon and movements of artist and helpers working in dead of night influences the grasped attention, his shade, density and even colaim is not to pontifiour of this most fundamental cate but to let the mind of artistic procedures. Michael Hue-Williams, 21 wander at will. "It is the privilege of the artist that he doesn't (0171-434 1318) until Nov 22

His immediate in spiration is a combination of the folkloric tales of German hunters who tell of antiered rabbits in wooded glades and the classical mythology which invented such creatures as the Minotaur and Sphynx. It is a blend of high and low culture. Beyond that

have to have an opin-

ion," Grunfeki says.

"The Bambi is very cute," he explains, "but it has bat's wings and suddenly something that seemed sweet evokes disgust. Maybe this will make people think about genetic engineering, about how what might seem beneficial can also be hideous."

Certainly, one cannot help recalling his own country's sinister wartime fascination with genetics. But juxtaposed with such sombre association is a mad humour: the funny literalness of the sheep dog a St Bernard grafted to a sheep's head; the pheasant melded with a fox. This humour is subversive. "I call these animals Misfits because they don't fit, because they are outsiders," Grunfeld says. "I want people to think beyond

RACHEL CAMPBELL-**JOHNSTON**

● Thomas Grunfela's Misfits is part of the Young German Artists 2 exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery, Boundary Road, London NW8 (0171-624-8299) until Novem

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AROUND THE have really changed and now GALLERIES embody an air of transience. The colour is bright, light and now highly familiar abstract almost translucent. They look

as if torn sections of colour Francis Graham-Dixon Galfilter paper and patches of regular printed dots have lery, 17-18 Great Sutton been temporarily tacked in Street, Clerkenwell, London front of the surface. The EC1 (0171-250 1962) until Nov structure is masterly and yet

> YOUTHS with a hint of ghoulish make-up stumble around a hinterland of scrub,

parkland, canal side, derelict and rejuvenated buildings in Sean Dower's film No Room in hell [Absent Qualia]. The first half of the film, projected in 3D on to an enormous freestanding screen, is very good indeed as the semi-automaton figures amble aimlessly about in an abstract never never land of past, present and future. Later, however, the figures shuffle into a

building - the gallery itself

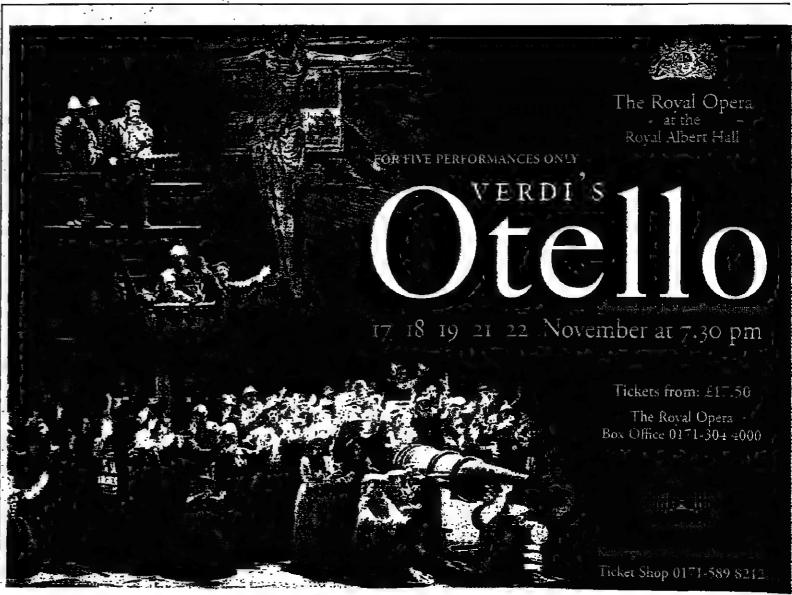
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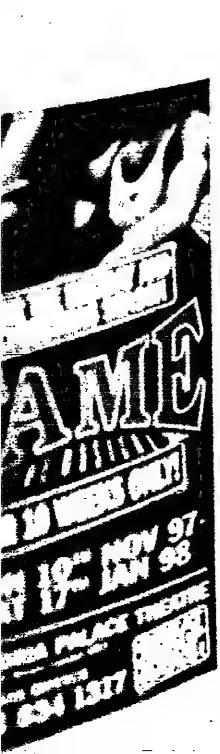
solve. Out in the open, the youths carry some symbolic relation to reality and are almost plausible in their total dislocation. Inside the building, however, they cannot help but gain character and end up acting in relation to each other.

strangeness immediately dis-

Man's Gallery, 42-44 Cop-perfield Road, London E3 (0181-983 [771) until Dec 14.

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts compiled by Marit Hargle

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Fair Game Duke of York's

FOUR schoolboys kill time posturing and taunting each other, and eventually rape a schoolgirl behind the waste bins. Edna Mazya called her original play (still running in Israel after five years) Games in the Backyard, but the scene in the yard takes up only the first quarter, the other three sections comprising the author's vividly theatrical recreation of the crime's consequences and their implications. Rebecca Prichard's severe abridgement therefore

four legs. Prichard has a good ear for the mockery and obscene ractics of

obsessed by the theatre. But unlike many of them, she also knows her dance.

For her London season she brought Waterzooi, a 90minute dance-theatre production created for her own company in 1993. Named after a famous Belgian stew, the piece is a danced stew of human emotions. A narrator helpfully announces each emotion as it is added to the mix: disquiet, joy, sadness, anger, love, hate and friendship. Marin expounds each in episodes that are not quite selfcontained; as another one is added you can still taste the flavour of the one that has

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gone before. Each dancer has to take his or her turn as actor or musi-

dren, drawing from them the impul-

sive movements and facial expressions

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ing such characters. This issue always

seemed to me a non-starter, and

listening to the young actors after-

given a full production here, some

description of it seems appropriate.

The true-life crime, involving seven

boys from a kibbutz who imprisoned

and raped the girl over seven days, led

to a sensational trial and acquittal.

Mazya had been distressed by the male

dominance in the courtroom, and in

her play one young actress and four

actors play in turn the victim and

rapists: the prosecutor and delence

counsel; and the prosecutor finally

This dramatic approach, aided by

nationwide protests, led to the verdict's

overturn on appeal, a rare example of

art affecting life. Different courses alter

horses, but it is nonetheless sad to see a

horse hopping along on only one of its

confronting the young rapists.

wards confirmed my view:

Concern has been voiced that 16-

successful in achieving vocal clarity.

Maguy Marin Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Dancers in an emotional stew. members of the Maguy Marin company in Waterzooi, one of the highlights of this year's Dance Umbrella festival

Cooking with feeling

cian: the composer, Denis Mariotte, has tailored his score to get the most out of the simplest of instruments, using harmonica, vibraphone, whis-tle, cowbell and drum to produce a charming musical accompaniment.

Marin, too, uses the simplest choreographic ingredients, sometimes giving her dozen dancers (herself included on Saturday night) nothing more challenging than a slow march. But the apparent artlessness of her physical language is belied by the wondrous fluidity and lyricism she invests in her choreography and by the way it moves so seamlessly from one emotion to its opposite.

Marin is also capable of surprise: her movement can be obviously illustrative one minute — anxious, playful or combative, for example - and unexpectedly introspective the next — in the moving section on hate, for instance. She uses her ensemble well, the force of her unison choreography reminiscent of the discipline of a classical corps de ballet. And humour is never far from Marin's mind: be it slapstick or irony it is generously dolloped into the stew like sait and pepper.

Unusually among choreographers, especially of the

European variety. Marin finds a way to integrate text and movement intelligently so that vocal passages seem a natural partner to physical expression. Her dancers are vigorous and versatile, no matter what they are being

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asked to do. One could argue that Waterzooi is too long, but that would be to quibble. In the end one leaves the theatre having encountered a community of bravely emotional souls struggling, like innocent children, to confront the mystique of their humanity. They may never understand what they feel, but they will always know what it means to feel.

DEBRA CRAINE

Taunts and consequence

ver the years, Dance Umbrella

has introduced us

abroad,

to dozens of chore-

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brought here under the auspi-

ces of Britain's foremost dance

festival. There have been a few

disappointments in the batch.

but many more delights. And

to the latter can now be added

the name of Maguy Marin,

who made her British debut

on Saturday night courtesy of Dance Umbrella.

classical dancer, is today one

of the stars of French contem-

porary dance, with a long list

of international credits to her

name. Like many of her Euro-

pean colleagues in the contem-

porary dance world, Marin is

Marin, who started life as a

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aiters tone as well as purpose. Three years ago I saw the original version performed before schoolchildren in a community centre north of Tel Aviv. and the full work is charged with a far greater dramatic and social interest than the fragment offered by the Royal Court. But Fair Game aims to provide a stimulating text for a performance by the Royal Court's Young People's Theatre, and on this casis it serves its purpose well enough.

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schoolkids; she can also tighten the Immaculate tension with skill. A wasteland set enclosed in wire netting has been constructed at the front of the stage revival with seating arranged around the other three sides. Here Roxana Silbert directs her east of five, all schoolchil-

OPERA The Magic Flute

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THE jagged fissure which splits the white walls of Bob Crowley's set finally closes during the last moments of English National Opera's Magic Since the original play may never be Flute. Papageno and Papagena have been hoisted aloft to join their feathered friends in the sky. The Queen of the Night and her retinue have been dispatched below. And Tamino and Pamina are received into the comfortable brotherhood of Sarastro's followers. All is now right with the world.

Nicholas Hytner's production, ap-

proaching its tenth year and expertly revived by David Ritch, is affectionate and gently doubting at the same time. It takes its cue from Sarastro's three temples dedicated to Nature, Reason and Wisdom. The first may be in short supply: Tamino has only a measly menagerie to charm with his flute, the trials of fire and water are dreary. But Hytner is long on Reason and Wisdom in his immaculately 18th-century world, stylised, handsome and always JEREMY KINGSTON | true to Mozart.

they had been there for most of their lives. Cara O'Sullivan is a discovery as the Queen of the Night, not the usual tinkly young coloratura but a matri-arch powerful in her duplicity and cracking out her high notes fearlessly. The Pamina of Susannah Granville showed that she has inherited some of her mother's sturdy genes. After a cautious start the voice began to glow. Most Paminas reappear as Susanna in Figure, but the Countess in that operalooks to be her next obvious role. Riccardo Simonetti turned Papageno

An almost entirely new set of

principals all slide into it as though

into a Scouse comic, who might have pulled out a ukelele were there not some magic bells to hand. A thoroughly engaging performer with the skill, essential for Papageno, of playing the audience along with him. John Hudson's Tamino was more conventional, good clean tone but vocally and dramatically stolid. John Graham-Hall's Monastatos is

collection of whips and chains as a pertinent reminder that the Marquis de Sade was released from the Bastille the year before Mozart wrote the Flute. And the Three Ladies, all excellent. indicate that they too may have some recondite tastes. Christopher Moulds shaped the overture well, but with so accomplished a cast he could have imposed

back, a vanilla-faced villain with a

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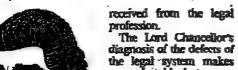
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Lord Irvine's speech to the solicitors' annual conference last month included compelling proposals for necessary reform

February 1828 Henry Brougham (later Lord Chancelfor) made a six-hour speech to the House of Commons on the defects of the English legal system. Fortified by "a hatful of oranges", he stated that the ambition of a law reformer was to be able to say that "he found law dear and left it cheap; found it a sealed book, left it a living letter, found it the patrimony of the rich. left it the inheritance of the

The speech made by Lord Irvine of Laire, the Lord Chancellor, to the solicitors' annual conference in Cardiff last month

identified the continuing difficulties of ensuring access to justice, and made compelling proposals for necessary reform. Lord Irvine's plans deserve a more



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diagnosis of the defects of the legal system makes uncomfortable but unsur-swerable reading. Civil justice is currently "too sive". Because of the exise, and the impossibility of accurately assessing at the outset the total costs of a law suit, litigation is the preserve of the very rich (who can afford it)

and the very poor (who are eligible for legal aid). The harsh facts about legal aid are equally disturbing. The cost has more than doubled in the past six years. It is the fastest-

growing area of public expenditure, despite the need for further resources for the relief of poverty, the prevention of disease and the provision of education. In positive response than they have so far the past four years, there has been a

Why the Lord Chancellor is right

case paid to lawyers, and the number of people helped has declined. In other words, "the taxpayer is paying more for

Most of the reforms suggested by the Lord Chancellor deserve the unequivocal support of the legal profession. Lord Irvine is correct to suggest that the legal aid system should involve contracting for services, in both criminal and civil cases. Fixed-price contracts will enable the Government to impose controls on expenditure, and will encourage lawyers

to reduce inefficiency.

The Lord Chancellor is right to propose that the state should fund civil litigation only if it has a strong prospect of success, unless there is a compelling lingating, or unless there are particular public interest issues involved. As he explained, people litigating at their own expense would be unlikely otherwise to proceed, and there is no good reason why the state should pay for litigation which people would not pursue if they were

paying for it.

The Lord Chancellor spoke of a test based on a 75 per cent chance of success. Mathematical precision is not possible in this context. But he is correct that speculative legal aid claims are commonplace, and currently eat up a substantial proportion of the legal aid budget. Conditional fee agreements ("no win, no fee") injury field, and so lawyers are to be

allowed to enter into such arrangements in all civil proceedings, except those relating to family law. As the Lord Chancellor pointed out, there are no public policy reasons to prohibit such agreements, which can promote access to justice for people who could not other-wise afford to enforce their legal rights.

Among the other welcome plans are the expansion of the "simple, fast and cheap" small claims procedure so that the limit is raised to £5,000; the development of an advisory Community Legal Service; and the implementation of Lord Woolf's proposals for judicial management of cases, with a fast-track procedure for appropriate cases, to include a fixed-costs regime so parties will know how much they will have to

pay if they lose the case. The Bar Council and the Law Society have directed their fire at the proposal that because of the extension of conditional fee arrangements, most claims for money or for damages should be excluded from legal aid. The Lord Chancellor contends that if lawyers do not think that a case has sufficient merit

to accept it on a conditional fee basis, it is inappropriate for the state to allocate its finite resources.

Careful consideration will need to be given to whether lawyers will accept complex cases on this basis, unless the other side's costs are capped so as to encourage efficiency by its lawyers. Consultation will also need to focus on the practicality of obtaining insurance against costs incurred by the other side if a litigant who has the benefit of a conditional

fee arrangement loses the case.

Lord Irvine pointed out in Cardiff, as tactfully as possible, that the legal profession has fallen "lower and lower in public estimation in recent years. The Bar Council and the Law Society should start to reverse that trend by acknowledging that the Lord Chancellor's analysis of the deficiencies of the legal system is accurate, that radical reform is needed, and that (subject to consultation on the practicalities) the Cardiff proposals deserve the support in principle of all

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Defending the little'uns

Dame Mary Arden on the recommendations of the Law Commission for the smaller shareholder or savings in institutions which themselves

are also shareholders. There are also thousands of companies: some have a small number of shareholders and some have numerous shareholders. What remedies are there for these shareholders when not satisfied with the way in which a company is being run? The Law Commission, the Government's law reform body, has been looking at this question, and last week we published our final report shareholders' relationship on our first set of proposals for may have to be investigated. This is largely because the court's discretion has to be

reform of core company law.

The remedies the law at present provides are basically the same for all companies and all shareholders, but it is often shareholders in the smaller companies who most need them. They have more at stake, and so for them we need to combat cost, complexity and

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The most commonly used remedy is the statutory remedy for unfair prejudice. This enables the successful daimant to have his or her shares bought out at their full value. The commission found that the type of shareholder who usually brought these proceedings was usually an ownermanaged company in which a shareholder-director had been removed from office and could no longer take part in running

These proceedings are expensive. in one case the trial alone took 43 days, and the case cost the parties £320,000 when the shares were worth only £24,600. Lord Hoffmann, the law lord, once compared unfair prejudice cases to old-fashioned divorce proceedings in which there was no limit to the amount of detail into which the parties could go.
The whole history of the

Dame Mary Arden

recommends tailoring the remedy to smaller owner-managed companies. We recommend changing the law so that the expulsion of a director in an owner-managed company should lead to a presumption of unfair prejudice and that any buyout should be at full value. This would require an amendment to the. Companies Act 1985.

cases, the legal costs of the The other principal remedy for shareholders is used when claimant are borne by the Legal Aid Fund. So, building on Lord Woolf's a shareholder wants to enforce report, Access to Justice, the a claim that the company is refusing to enforce. This typicommission recommends strong judicial case managecally includes a claim against ment; and we are pleased that the directors. The law here is the Lord Chancellor, Lord encrusted with authority, and Irvine of Lairg, has given his the commission recommends backing to the reform of civil that it should be modernised with a new rule of procedure justice. The commission also

that sets out the law clearly. The commission also proposes a modification in the law to get rid of a restriction that prevents shareholders from bringing these claims if the directors have been negligent but not fraudulent. The shareholder's remedy to enforce his company's claims against di-rectors is the means by which, in the last resort, corporate governance is enforced.

Several jurisdictions have also revised their laws on this topic recently, so the recommended reform would bring English company law in line

with modern company law in other leading jurisdictions.

Care is needed to see that actions brought to enforce the company's claims against its own directors are not done so frivolously. The commission recommends that the shareholder get the court's permission for pursuing an action of tinis sort. Prevention is often better

than cure. The law should encourage shareholders to make arrangements in advance so that if they have a dispute there is an agreed route of dissolving their rela-

This happens in joint ventures between parties who have been well advised. Nobody can compel shareholders

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compassionately. A Victim Support seminar on road deaths held last month heard that drivers involved in accidents that killed someone on the roads can be charged with minor offences and brought before magistrates without any mention of the fact that someone had died, causing great distress for

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commission considers that the statutory model articles should give the lead by having an article that would put the parties in a position to devise a simple procedure to meet their principal requirements. The article would encourage interest in shareholder agreements and promote better

commercial practice. The commission's recommendations contain a draft article for inclusion in the statutory model articles. Where do we go from here? The commission's proposals

were widely supported on consultation, and we hope that its modest but important recommendations will be accepted by the Government. With civil justice now well and truly on the move since the Middleton Review, this is the right time for shareholder remedies to be made more effective and efficient.

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Can a fruit pie hurt you?

McDONALD'S had better watch out. The fast food restaurant's name crops up twice in an "assistance" service run by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers which is de-signed to help law firms to exchange information about the cases they are handling, but can also serve as an early warning system for potential victims of litigation.

Graham & Rosen, a Huli firm, is acting for a client who was biting into a mixed fruit pie at a McDonald's restaurant, when hot filling fell onto

his arm, burning him". And Pardoes, a Bridgewater firm, is representing a client allegedly injured when hot tea was "spilt on her foot".

Sharp words

LAWYERS at the Department for Education and Employment seem to have welcomed their boss's insistence that ministerial submissions must take up no more than two sides of A4 paper. In the Government Legal

Service Journal, Fred Croft, a DIEE lawyer, writes that David Blunkett, the Secretary of State, "likes work to come to him in typed form, which is then read onto tape".

Mr Croft says the necessity of keeping submissions short



has proved healthy. "Cyrics suggested that a two-page submission would be accompartied by lengthy annexes," he adds. "But it has worked... the discipline of compressing thoughts has, I think, led to a welcome sharpening of the arguments."

wide to be sufficiently flexible.

However, a more managerial

approach by the courts in un-

fair prejudice cases would help

to reduce the proliferation of issues, and this should help to

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Altogether: Aaah

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VICTIM SUPPORT is pressing for changes to the legal

supposedly saving £5,000. But

the move is not driven by a

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money wherever possible; the

All hush for Ms Booth

EIGHTY women from business, banking and industry turned out to hear Cherie Booth, QC, address the inaugural launch of Berwin Leighton's Women in Business Group last week. Ms Booth, who was joined by Jane Oldham, a chambers colleague, spoke on "Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling", a review of the changing role of women in business and the professions. Ms Booth told of the "deathly hush" in her early days at the Bar whenever she entered a robing room, because of the

scarcity of women.



Booth: deathly silence

The event was the idea of Joanne Gubbay, a Berwin Leighton litigation special-ist, who said the group would provide a forum for women in executive and managerial positions to exchange views and "network". Berwin's 21 women solicitors plan regular meetings and seminars.



living memory, to head the Lord Chancellor's Department as Permanent Secretary has been introduced. The Bill would remove the

Hot tip? Ian Burns, now head of policy, even though he would be able to serve only a couple of years: the Bill also says the permanent secretaries must retire at 60, in line with other departments, and



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Doctored research

Anderton, a senior consultant physician, and former registrar of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, was struck off the medical register for conducting a fraudulent drug trial for 15 months. Dr Anderton, who retired after his deception came to light, pleaded guilty to a charge of serious professional misconduct at a hearing of the General Medical Council.

He had forged the signatures of 17 patients who had never been given the drug he was supposed to be testi invented echocardiographic data for patients, and persuaded an assistant to lie to auditors by saying that she had witnessed patients sign-

ing consent forms. A pharmaceutical company sponsored the research (although Dr Anderton made no personal financial gain), and the case came to light after irregularities were spotted at the company. Medicolegal investigations, which helped to uncover the fraud, has a heavy and increasing caseload. Peter Jay, a specialist investigator with the service, has observed that "fabrication of data in research can allow a bad medication to reach the market, or even prevent a good one from reaching it".

Once faise clinical data are published they can be relied upon by practitioners who may then give treatment or perform surgery which, at best, is unnecessary and, at

worst, lethal. False medical research re-ports also result in the efforts of researchers being misdirected and thus wasted. At present there is almost no legal re-sponse to this socially injuri-ous phenomenon. Several alarming cases of dishonest research have recently come to public attention, and today, the editors of nine of Britain's leading medical journals, who have set up a committee to monitor research fraud, are holding their first public conference in London.

The Committee on Publication Ethics will encourage medical journal editors to report suspect authors. The scale of the problem is unknown but an editorial in The Lancer last year stated that fraud in medical research is

Where there is serious suffering caused by someone's misconduct there is usually a crime. Even if the wrong is not a criminal offence it is probably a tort. Though there is public harm caused by deceit-

'He had forged the signatures of 17 patients who had never been given the drug he was testing'

ful research publication, such conduct is in many cases not a crime and, if it is a civil wrong, would be difficult to prove.

A patient shown (falsely) as being in a study will have that recorded in his or her medical notes. If that patient was suddenly taken to hospital, a call to his general practice to ascertain what medication was being taken would produce false information and could mean that treatment for the patient's condition was contra-indicated.

Where a doctor's research is sponsored, it is possible that if his "findings" are false, he will have committed a criminal offence of obtaining property by deception under the Their Act 1968. He might, if he uses the fraudulent publication to "earn remuneration or greater remuneration in an office or the crime of obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception.

propriate medical treatment as a result of false data on their file may have a civil action for damages against the doctor responsible for misleading other medical scall. But the position is very different in civil and criminal

law where a doctor has, without receiving payments, published false data in a reputable medical journal. If another doctor, relying on the bogus report, does harm to a patient, or if another team of researchers wastes time pursuing a talse lead, there is no obvious

It is possible to gain damages for personal injury by suing for decent but it might be difficult for a patient to prove that he relied upon or was "taken in" by the deceit. Tony Weir, a fellow at Trinity College, Cam-bridge, has said that another option might be an action under little-used case from 1897 where liability may result from
"unjustifiably wilful conduct"
likely to cause physical barm.
In June 1995 Mr Malcolm

Pearce, a consultant obstetrician, was removed from the medical register for research fraud. He had published two papers in The British Journal Obstetrics and Gynaecoloreporting pioneering work that he had not carried out. He claimed that a 29-year-old woman had given birth to a healthy girl after he had successfully relocated a fiveweek-old ectopic pregnancy

In May this year Dr Peter Nixon, a consultant cardiologist from Charing Cross Hospital, London, admitted that scientific papers co-written by him appeared to contain errors. Dr Nixon who subsequently retired, made his admission in a legal case in which he was the plaintiff, suing Channel 4 for libel. The Medical Defence Union, faced costs of 12 million. Dr Nixon had sued over the programme Preying on Hope,





Top, Dr John Anderton. Below, Mr Malcolm Pearce

which had guestioned his claims that hyperventilation could cause illnesses including heart attacks, Gulf War syndrome, post traumatic stress disorder and premenstrual tension. He had also advanced allegedly unsupportable techniques for diagnosing chronic hyperventilation.

It is not only doctors attached to universities and hospitals who have been implicated in research malpractice. In March last year a GP was struck off for having entered patients for paid drug trials vithout their consent. Dr Geoffrey Fairhurst, 57, a former government meaning had forged consent forms and given drugs to patients. The Committee on Publica-

law, as in medicine, prevention is better than cure.

tion Ethics (Cope) has no legal powers, and its main function

will be to advise editors on an-

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Smith, Editor of the British

Medical Journal, has advo-

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Physicians already spend

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ment". The pressures on researchers to publish are heavy, as university funding being is linked to publication.

● Dr Stapper is Director of the Law Programme, The Open University.

A jumble of jargon that may get worse

ocial security law is complex detailed and a closed book to most practitioners. And the traditional form of the legislation does not assist understanding. The statutes are skeletal, giv ing little clue to the shape of

the detailed provisions.

The need to control public spending means that almost every expansion of entitle-ment resulting from decisions of the Social Security Commissioners (a second-tier appellate, highly specialised body of lawyers) is met by an amendment to the law. When the law is changed it is not customary to produce a fully revised textual version; such a version exists for internal use in the Department of Social Security (DSS) and is available from the Stationery Of-

fice. It is often used by the courts. But the authentic texts consist of a series of separately printed idly become a jumbled mass of details. When, last au-numn, the DSS began a consultation exercise on simplifying decision-making and appeals, it ig-nored the one idea

that would revolut-

ionise its work. Administrators now instruct lawyers to draft in legal language (for precision, but resulting in great complexity) and then to convert the result back into ordinary language. Why not legislate in plain English in the first place?

The upshot of the consultation exercise is in the Social Security Bill now before Parliament. Some of it is excellent and cogent, and is needed to crack down on avoidance of National Insurance contri-butions. But the Bill is lighter than usual on detail. It contains broad regulation-making powers, the policy behind which needs clarification. Where points are clear, they are often objectionable. Decision-making is to be removed from the notionally independent adjudication officer, to the Secretary of State. The same officials as now will decide on entitlement but they **Charles Blake**

describes the dangers he sees

in the Social Security Bill

will be seen as functionaries rather than statutorily empowered officers deciding according to law.

Worse, the appeals system is to be shaken up. It does not need to be. In recent years the quality of decision-making at the appellate stage has been improved. Legally qualified chairmen of tribunals and a series of able presidents have ensured the application of

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tion of an inquisitorial role. sarial procedures in appeals has often been used as a justification for the absence of legal aid for social security appeals, at least until claimants reach the Court of Appeal

from the commissioners. Yet the DSS wants to limit the role of tribunals to the precise content of the appeal. This is indefensible. Its sole purpose seems to be to save money, enabling tribunals to pack in more cases in each session. Do taxpavers (many of them also claimants) want extra hardship, which will cost more to resolve. Would it not be better to allow the tribunals to maintain their wide-ranging briefs?

Legally qualified chairmen are to be abandoned in some cases. A new bureaucratic mechanism is to be created to allocate appeals to the "ap-

the appeal system isn't broken - and it isn't -- don't fix it.

There is worse, much of it not mentioned in the consultation paper. The DSS has long had a problem with test cases. Because the law is so complicated, its interpretation is often energetically fought to the House of Lords, even to the European Court of Justice. But appeals move slowly.

Understandably, the Treasury does not like to pay out in similar cases, only to stop if the DSS succeeds eventually - and the DSS can always change the law in the last resort. In recent years legis lation has introduced antitest-case provisions, Until now, such measures have denied the fruits of victory to

others where a review of their position is first necessary under existing law. all other claimants who have also appealed and who might expect arrears In consequence of a nied this right. Extraordinarily.

the Bill says that their cases must be decided as if the successful test case had failed. But is such a provision valid under EU law and the European Convention on Hu-

man Rights? What is needed is a fast-track system for key social security appeals. Sadly, there is no such provision in the Bill or, for that matter, in Lord Woolf's suggested reforms of

civil procedure. The Bill will soon be in committee. Ministers should explain why, having picked up the Tory legacy of an administrative measure intended mainly to save money. they are presenting it as a modernising statute. There is an important role here for lawyers of all political persussions. The Bill must be examined line by line, and its va-garies challenged.

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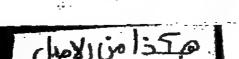
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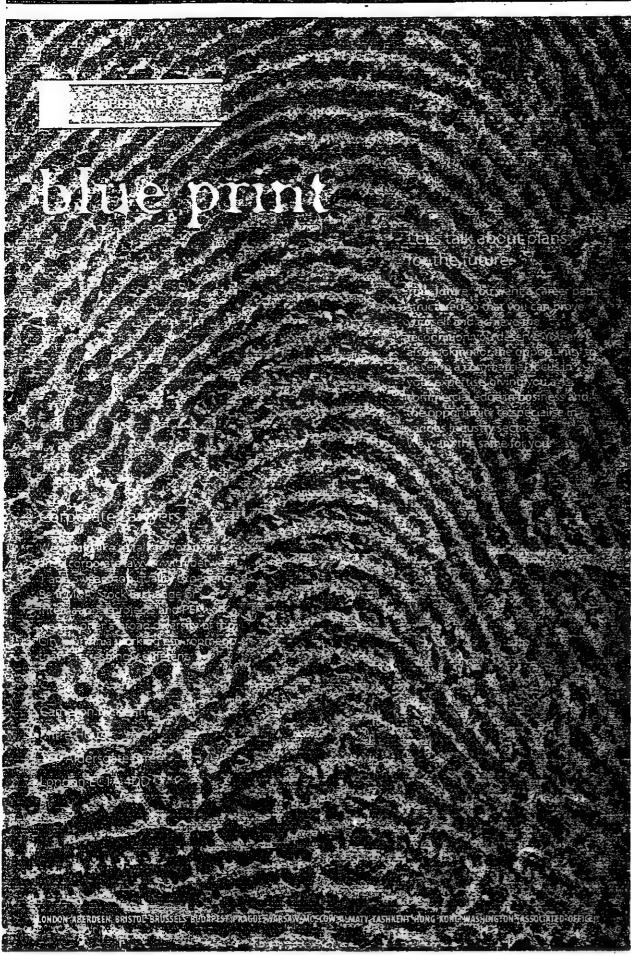
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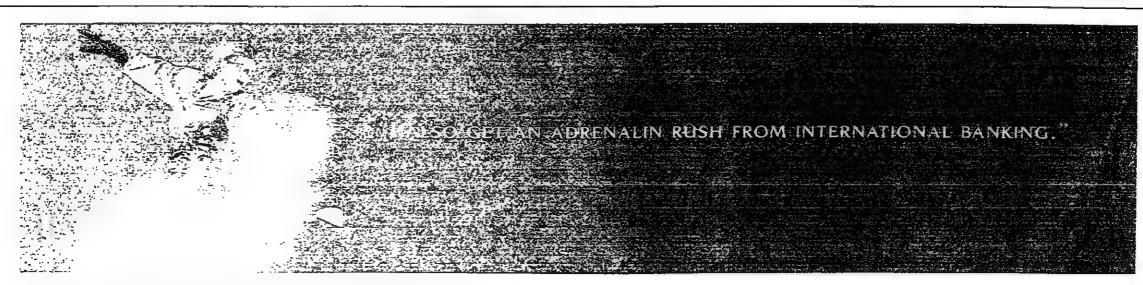
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CRICKET

Malcolm to consider next move

BY SIMON WILDE AND RICHARD HORSON

sidering lucrative offers from several counties, was granted more time to decide his future with Debyshire at a meeting with Vic Brownett, the club's chairman, yesterday. Malcolm has been formally approached by Northamptoushire and Somerset and been offered greatly enhanced terms to remain with Derbyshire.

Brownett, who originally asked for a decision by the end of October, will try to persuade Malcolm over the coming days. They see each other regularly and spent last night at a benefit function for the England fast bowler in Rotherham.

I am more hopeful about Devon staying than I was," Brownett said. As long as I keep talking to him I think we will be all right. We have offered him a three-year contract which will probably make him the best-paid cricketer at Derbyshire and I don't think he is going to rush into anything. I have tried to tell him money is not everything but there is a lot of money being bandied about."

Malcolm has been one of county cricket's most successful bowlers in recent years. He has taken more than 50 first-class wickets for Derbyshire in each of the past four seasons - he took 69 at an average of 21.07 this year - but is 34 and anxious to make the most, financially, of the remainder of his career. Worcestershire may be a fourth party in the bidding.

If Brownett persuades Malcolm to stay. Derbyshire will have done well to limit the fall-out of a disastrous summer in which they appeared to be heading for fragmentation. With the exception of Chris Adams, whose departure has looked inevitable for some time, all their other players have signed new contracts, despite what the chairman described as "a few

Leicestershire will meet Chris Lewis next week in an attempt to entice the former England allrounder back to the county where he began his career ten years ago. When Lewis left in 1991 he said that he wished to play for a more but Jack team manager, will try to persuade him that his best chance of reclaim-

ing a Test place lies at Grace Road. Lewis, 29, has declined to sign a new deal at Surrey after completing a two-year contract and is known to covet a captain's job. While Leicestershire reappointed James Whitaker as captain for 1998

DEVON MALCOLM, who is con-sidering lucrative offers from sev-to tell Lewis that he will be considered for the post of vice-

captain and eventual successor. Birkenshaw said: "Despite what people think, Chris enjoyed his time here before. He was a bit mixed up at that stage of his career but he is a mature bloke now, he has had a few setbacks and he knows that he has to do the business to get back into the England team. He is the best allrounder in the country without any question and he will get more opportunities with the bet and ball here than at Surrey."

Lewis was suffering from a longterm hip injury when Nottinghamshire released him on compassionate grounds in 1995. He said that he wanted to move to London to be nearer to his girlfriend and family, and has since helped Surrey to win the Sunday league in



Lewis: Leicestershire target

1996 and the Benson and Hedges Cup last season.

He has played in 32 Test matches and is presently in New Zealand with the Cricket Max team led by Matthew Maynard. Vic Dodds, the Surrey cricket committee chairman, said that no other county has given notice of an approach while Steve Coverdale, the Northamptonshire chief executive, said that they were not interested.

Mark Taylor retained his place as captain as Australia kept faith with the players who won the for the first Test match against New Zealand in Brisbane starting on Friday.

There were no places for Michael Slater or Michael Bevan, who scored centuries for New South Wales as the touring team were beaten by an innings in their last fixture before the Test.

Africans ready to go the distance

David Powell examines a startling change of pace from the new powers of

the marathon world

t was bound to happen; now it has. Africa is massing its ranks at the summit of the marathon, marching on the one area of distance-running where Europeans and Mexicans thought they still held the bulk share of

When John Kagwe and Sammy Korir, both from Kenya, won the marathons of New York City and Amsterdam on Sunday, they underlined a shift in power. Africa, overwhelmingly dominant for years on the track and in cross country, is now taking over the commercial marathon.

Four of the six main big-city marathons this year have been won by Africans, twice as many as the recent average. They include the victory in Chicago of Khalid Khannouchi, from Morocco, in the fastest time of the year, 2hr 07min 10sec. Only the London and Rotterdam marathons have produced non-African winners.

The placings have been mopped up by the Africans like never before, nine this year against a previous highest of seven. There has been an unprecented rush of fast times, predominantly because of the African influence.

The 1996 rankings show only two athletes luside 2hr 08min 30sec. This year there have been 16. The list last year shows only six athletes within two minutes of the world record of 2hr Obmin 50sec. This year there are 21, 14 of them

The 1996 figures are typical of every year since the late Eighties, when Belayneh Dinsamo set the present world record. Dinsamo's mark might reach its tenth birthday in April but will not see No II. according to Jos Hermens, the director of the Rotterdam and Amsterdam marathons and exacts in Haile Gebraelassie

"By spring the world record will be gone," Hermens said. Furthermore, he believes the age of the 2hr 05min is approaching. It will come, he thinks, when the best track runners - Paul Tergat and Gebrselassic, for example - move up in distance. If you look at the African names on the marathon leaderboard, you will not recognise any of them from the track.

Why the changer Hermens, thon general manager, and Dun-can Gaskell, who represents the Kenyans with Kim McDonald's blood cells. Rosa said he wrote to Teddington agency, are agreed: it is the new approach, collective and disciplined, that the Africans are adopting for the event. They are grouped at training

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Kagwe's victory in New York City confirmed the African assault on the leading commercial marathons

thous their specific targets. "Wherever you go now, there are little enclaves of Africans," Storey said. Most notably the one run by Gabriele Rosa, an Italian doctor, in Kaptagat, on the western rim of the Rift Valley. The Rosa athletes, Elijah Lagat and Bric Kimaiyo, finished first and second in Bertin. Rosa's methods, though, have

been questioned. Erythropoietin (EPO) is the substance that repeatedly comes up in conversations about fast marathon times, but Rosa has denied the use of illegal thods. EPO offers benefits sum an increase in oxygen-carrying red blood cells. Rosa said he wrote to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, indicating that his athletes would submit to bloodtesting at the New York Marathon, but did not receive a reply. McDonaid, whose track group

includes Daniel Komen and Moses Kiptanui, prolific world record-breakers, is obtaining results in the marathon through a similar collective approach. Lameck Agusa won in Boston and his fellow Kenyan, Sammy Lelei, ran Zhr 08mlo 00sec to finish third in Berlin. For a long time, we did not have such a large number attacking the marathon that it would make any real impact,"

The organisation includes a group training most of the year in Kenya-and another in Boulder, Colorado. under Dieter Hogen, the German coach of Uta Pippig, the most commercially successful woman marathon runner of recent times. "Hogen is inspired by the idea of training somebody to break the world record," Gaskell said.

Marathons in the late Righties were characterised by the successes of Wakiihimi, Ikaanga, Hussein. Dinsamo and Salah, but it is the number of Africans running fast times that is raising eyebrows now. And, while it should not be overlooked that the Olympic champion, Josiah Thugwane, is a South African, the big-city races of the Nineties, with the exception of Boston, have witnessed mainly non-African winners.

In the spring marathons, Boston has traditionally taken the Africans in bulk, while London has preferred a more European lineup, with a sprinkling of Africans. If London, though, is to witness the world record that it has never had in the men's race, the balance may need to be altered with Khannouchi, only 20 seconds outside it on his marathon debut in Chicago, top of the shopping list.

SQUASH

Nicol aims to wear Jansher's crown

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THE World Open Championship, already without Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, the title-holder, took another unexpected turn yesterday when Peter Marshall emerged from the qualifying finals to draw Brett Martin, the No 8 seed, in the first round.

Marshall, the former world No 2 from Nottingham, forced into the preliminary rounds after two years out of the game with chronic fatigue syndrome, seems to be in good enough form after a season back on the road to make a serious impact on the tournament. He was the fastest and most efficient of the qualifiers yesterday, beating Si-mon Frenz, of Germany, 15-11, 15-13, 15-8 in 66 minutes.

Martin, a 33-year-old from Bris-bane with a steel wrist and a flamboyant approach, is the very antithesis of Marshall's relentless, two-fisted straight style. With Jansher avoiding child mainte-nance problems in Malaysia. the veteran Australian might have hoped for an easier start in the top half of the draw, in which his fellow Oueenslander, Rodney Eyles, is the top seed by default.
Eyles, 30, has struggled this

season against a number of hungry youngsters and yesterday dropped to No 4 in the world, behind Jansher, Peter Nicol, of Scotland, and Jonathon Power, of Canada.

Nicol is the in-form player. "I would have backed myself to take the title this year, even if Jansher were here," the 24-year-old from Inverurie said yesterday. "I beat him in Egypt in June, and in Kuwait last month. My game is good, and my confidence is high. I will never have a better chance to win the World Open."

Certainly, the early breaks have gone Nicol's way. The draw has put Power, who has beaten Nicol in four out of five meetings in recent times, into the top half of the draw. along with Del Harris, of Colchester, who drew Craig Wapnick, a South African qualifier, in the first round, and the froublesome Anthony Hill, of Australia. Nick Taylor and Tim Garner, of England, also reached the top half by way of qualifying finals yesterday.

The most interesting encounter is between Chris Walker, the out-ofform England captain, and Paul Johnson, one of the pretenders to his team position should results this week lead to an enforced exclusion from the England squad for its defence of the world team title next week.

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Richard Evans on a youthful bloodstock enterprise already challenging the market leaders

Lloyd-Webbers enjoy rewards of good breeding

ot so long ago, Watership Down was best known for its best known for its emanating from the Berkshire idyll concerns the breeding of horses worth a king's ransom. But, unlike Richard Adams's bestselling novel, which featured the fortunes of Bigwig, Hazel and Fiver, this tale is

At the recent Tattersalls Houghton sale in Newmarket, few lots created more interest than numbers 322 and 329, a brace of Sadler's Wells year lings from Watership Down stud, owned by Lord and Lady Lloyd-Webber. One of the bay colts, out of Darars, was knocked down to Sheikh Mohammed for 500,000 guineas: the other, out of Crystal Spray, was bought by the Michael Tabor-John Magnier team for a sale-topping 625,000

What makes this success story all the more remarkable is that the stud, part of the 4,500-acre Sydmonton Court estate, was not even in existence at the start of this decade or, to be more precise, in February 1991. That was the month which saw Madeleine Gurdon, an accomplished

day eventing, become the third wife of the composer responsible for such musical hits as Cats and Starlight Express.

As her equestrian career gave way to bringing up a family, the new Mrs Lloyd-Webber never lost her love of horses. No sooner had the ink on the marriage certificate dried than derelict farm buildings at the end of the drive leading to their 16th century home were transformed into a smart stable block.

Fields were fenced off and made into paddocks, and the couple bought the first of several racehorses. Dusty Miller, which won first time out in their colours at the Cheltenham Festival. With the help of Simon Marsh, an old friend with a good grounding in the bloodstock world, the Lloyd-Webbers bought two broodmares "for fun".

The master plan had not

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: KRISAMBA (L30 Redcar) Next best: Ajayib (3.00 Redcar)

Lady Lloyd-Webber said yesterday. We were still doing it very much as a hobby. Andrew was starting on that steep learning curve, finding it trustrating on one hand and thrilling on the other, slowly coming to terms with the fact that however much money you throw at horses, you won't get the thrill all the time."

A couple of years passed, during which the Lloyd-Webbers enjoyed mixed fortunes before the "master plan" evolved. "Simon realised that Andrew was not the kind of person who just wanted to be in a game, half-mast as it were, and realised if he was to continue he would want to do it properly.

So we say down one day while on holiday in the South of France and Simon set out a plan. If we wanted to do it properly and try to have one of the best studs in Europe there was only one way to achieve that - by concentrating on

quality rather than quantity."
The Lloyd-Webbers agreed and the search began for up to top-class broodmares. Such blue-blooded creatures do not come cheaply. Silver Lane, the first acquisition, cost



Lady Lloyd-Webber with two of her select collection of broodmares, Darara, left, and Indian Jubilee at the Watership Down stud

\$750,000; Darara was bought for 470,000 Irish guineas; Crystal Spray joined them for 500,000 guiness, and Band and Nicer cost 420,000 guineas and \$600,000 respectively,

breeding. It gives Andrew and I pleasure to think we can do it successfully as a business. "I am quite a commercial animai and I don't like spend-When Andrew starts writing a lot of money just for fun.
I like to be able to justify it, and ing out cheques for half a

interest is fairly serious, but he has put immense faith in Simon and myself. In return we are incredibly careful how we spend the money. I feel under quite serious pressure

when the first yearling was million dollars or pounds the sent to the sales only to return home unsold. "It was a disaster, no-one wanted it." A second colt, bred in the purple, went for a relative pittance. However, 12 months ago

their fortunes changed when to do him justice." Kilimanjaro surpassed their imagine the scene, then, wildest dreams and fetched 500,000 guineas. "Andrew was recording in a studio and I rang him when it got 250,000 guineas and was sti going up with bidders every vhere. I think he got genuine ly excited over that and wa terribly proud. This year I wa brave enough to take him t Tattersalls and he was thrille to see Watership Down stu-

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3.00 Night Mirage 3.30 NOBALINO (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1,30 DOG WATCH (nap). 2.30 Lough Erne. 3,00 Serpenters.

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BETTORG: 7-1 Premium Quest, 8-1 Mersie Michine, Humig Past Congratifications, Ribble Assambly, Another Wyb-Besh, 12-3 others.

Burst Yates 44(6th to Florazi in 7) Deneaster nursery (good) with Princess Nabalie (4th better off) 17) 11th and Laramenta (7th better off) 181 12th. Arctic Star 244(4th to Flying Bold in 7) better off) 181 12th. Arctic Star 244(4th to Flying Bold in 7) Principal and to soft) with Barnetine (7th better off) 141 (5th Peters 374) 5th to Ray Off Principal (15th better off) 151 11th. Laramenta (15th better off) 121 12th and Princess Natable (10th better off) 121 13th. Brouzino Skil 7th in Rico Steve in 1m Boodhood nursery (good). Prioritis 944(4th to 121 13th. Brouzino Skil 7th Rico Steve in 1m Boodhood nursery (good). Prioritis 944(4th to 121 13th. Brouzino Skil 7th Rico Steve in 1m Boodhood nursery (good). Prioritis 944(4th to 121 13th. Brouzino Skil 7th Rico Steve in 1m Boodhood nursery (good). Prioritis 944(4th to 121 13th. Brouzino Skil 7th Bourseley matter (good to fam). Hiding Place beat Planets neck in 14th Score of 11th Rich 18th Indian (good to fam). Norskil Lad 144 8th to Steve in 1m Boodhood (good). The Clareta 444(3nd to fam). Norskil Lad 144 8th to Steve in 1m Concession matter (good to fam). Wee Christy (16th better off) 101 (0th Barytham 13) 11th to Kayo In 1m Ayr fandacip (good to fam) (16th Barytham 13) 11th to Kayo In 1m Ayr fandacip (good to fam) (13) 9th. Antonio Jol 211 13th to Princip Delivery in 6t Pontetract matter (good to fam) (13) 133 9th. Antonio Jol 211 13th to Princip Colice In an exceptionally stoly race BRONZINO is a tentative choice in an exceptionally tricky race

COURSE SPECIALISTS

REDCAR: Trainers: R Charlton, 4 win-ners from 8 runners. 50.0%; R Guest, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Prescott, 13 from 40, 32.5%, J Gosden, 21 from 70, 30.0%; B Meerian, 5 from 20, 30.0%; R Hamnon, 10 from 35, 28.6%; Jockeys: T Chara, 3 from 35, 28.6%; Jockeys: T Chara, 3 from 35, 22.0%; D Holland, 7 from 33, 100 from 59, 22.0%; D Holland, 7 from 33, 21.2%; K Darley, 59 from 291, 20.3%; S Drowne, 3 from 17, 17.5%;

EXETER: Trainers: Miss H Knight, 34 wirmers from 107 numers, 31.8%; D Elsworth, 7 from 24, 29.2%; M Pips, 75 from 299, 26.7%; P Hotebu, 25 from 127, 19.7%. Juckeys: R Durwoody, 34 winners from 136 rides, 25.7%; J F Titley, 9 from 39, 23.1%, P Holley, 12 from 62, 15.4%; J Custory, 3 from 21, 14.3%, M A Fitzgerald, 15 from 110, 13.6%.

2.30 ASH HANDICAP (£6,011; 60) (25 runners)

(15) 4000300 DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 5 (D.O.S.) (Variatione RCI P Feloren 7-10-0 D Summary CRI	an I
(19) 0115100 GAEUC STORM 10 (D.F.G.S) #1		BE [
(11) 0001000 GHARLE SILLETT 92 (D.F.S.) (J	STREET & Halle 5-9-7 J D Smith (3)	i i
(17) 0006085 DOUBLE BOUNCE 13 (8F,D.F,6)	OVes P Scott-Duren P Malon 7-9-8 S Sandam	ii i
(24) 030-530 PRIMO LARA 17 (F) (Thanet Less	sing Ltdl P Harris 5-8-6	BO (
(7) 0001000 WESTEDURT MARIE 10 (D.F.E.		94
(21) 5050040 MR BERSERAC 3 (D.F.S.S.) (P.J.		96
(9) 0100500 LARO DI VARJUNO 10 (V.F.S.S)	(PBT Group) R Whitnian 5-9-5 _ D McKepun 1	n (
(23) 510:000 TREASURE TOUCH 18 (D.F.S) (N	Hoseycount D Historille 3-8-5 Jone Wands (6)	12
(14) 3201000 SEA-DEER 10 (D.F.G.S) (M. Fout	per) C Dayer 3-9-4 G Partier (3)	14
(13) 4-14600 CADEAUX CHER 10 (D,F) (N Bro	wite) B Halle 3-9-3 W Ryan I	B6 (
(18) \$000003 YOUNG BIGME 34 (D,F) (MESS)	Theograph D Chayman 3-8-2 A Dallhame	pe 1
(1) 1303651 ALWAYS ALIGHT 13 (D.F.S) (M	Neimes-Crocker) K Burte 3-9-2 J F Egen	90
(25) 4001608 DOUBLE OSCAR 17 (B.D.F.G) (T	nitry Raying) S Michelle 4-9-2 Alex Greaves	i N
(9) 0054400 KSRA 10 (C,D,F,E) (J WHOO) J E	yra 7-9-2 B.Lappin 🕅	羅!
(12) 4200003 TILER 7 (D.F.S) (Mrs. C Robinson	M. Johnston, 5-8-13	77 1
TO OTTOOM TOP OF THE FORM IS OUT OF C	Some at Windley! R Falsey 3-8-12 D Epote (7)	75 (
(3) 2135000 BENZOE 20 (D.F.G.S) (T Faucien)	May J Restaction 7-8-11 D Poors 1	e j
(18) 0551042 MOUCHE 13 (DJF) (M Simmonds)	Mrs J Racredon 3-8-8 J Fortstin 8	57
200 0000020 RETYAL DOME 6 (F, Si) (G James)	M Warre 5-0-7	22
(2) 900-000 DOVERRACE 20 (D.F.S) (D.John	i) Barron 4-8-5 II Desley I	10 J
(B) 1330-00 LOUGH EINE 17 (D.F.S.) (Ser Stank	ny & Lady Grantend) C Wall 5-6-5 R Markon (5) 💢	96 L
(4) 1002001 MIDWIGHT SHITT B (CO,G) (C M)	RES R General 3-6-2 (General Get Hope of	18
(8) DODZOGZ MALLIA 37 (D.F.G) (H Danisir) T		
22) 2501002 JOHAYRO 7 (CD.F.G) (F Bredy) J	Boldie 4-5-0 J Calon 8	16
St. 7.4 Florida Dameso, B. S. Alberto, Mileta, SE. S. Phys.		- 1

JOHAYRO goes well here and could profit from the drop in distance 3.00 SYGAMORE HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,623: 1m 3f) (17 runners)

401	Lt.	6-3023	MYSTIC RIDGE 141 8" Brand) 8 Cuday 9-7	76	
402	(1)	1-25023	AJAYIB 22 (B,BF,S) (H al-Mainten) J Ounion 9-7 K Darley		
403	(2)	47004	VABIN TENEPEST 44 (E) (Princess Milchae) of Keen) P Chappia-Hyann 9-7 & Wilstworth	79	
404	[11]	B111530	FANTAIL 13 (CD.F.S.) (Pamela, Lady Nelson of Stallard) M Tomplate 9-6 D Blogs	89	
406	ตก	6-21020	REPREDUD 18 (S) (E Officer) T Effer anglos 9-6 A California	67	
400	(18)	621235	BOSS LADY 20 (F) (Lord Weinstock) R Charling 9-6 T Sprain	79	
407	(18)	1122403	BIGHT MOPLAGE 11 (C.F.S) (Mr & Mrs & Maddlebrook) M Johnston 9-3 D Holland	84	
408	Ċ	GROWING !	ALAKDAR 19 (5) (Mrs. Judith Mendones) R Champion 9-1 A Michael	79	
409			SERPENTARA 56 (Lady Howard do Walder) H Cectl 9-1 W Ryan	71	
410	ij		HURGELI DANCER 18 (6) (G Copple) J Walts 9-0	-	
411	(13)	30-0011	SMART BOY 164 (F) OHR H Sufan Ahmod Shah) P Cole (-12 T Omin)	78	
412	(3)	5515554	GEE BEE BOY 7 (CD,6) (Scant & Bournen Ltd) A Janvis 8-6 C Lowether (3)	81	
413	(4)	0055	PRADESH 19 (V.BF) (Shality Mohammett) J Gosdan 8-4	80	
414	(2)	185	SLIFU WHALLIAM 11 (Barouche, Stud List) R Harmon 8-7	66	
415	(10)		AEDLINA 18 (BF) (J Terment) S Kettlewell 7-10	78	
416	(6)		SEFTON BLAKE 18 (Selion Suracing Co Ltd.) M Mangher 7-10 P Fessey (3)	83	
417	(14)	000000	ELOPUOUS (MANCER 128 (M Williamson) J Hedwitch 7-10 N Carliste	80	
Long hendicap: Aesiera 7-8, Selon State 7-6, Gionous Dances U-1.					
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1996: RENZO 9-4 A Clast. (14-1) & Harwood 10 sur

Mystic Ridge 13J 3rd to Contentment in 114m Windsor fitties handican (good). Alayth 23d 3rd to Contentment in 114m Windsor fitties handican (good). Alayth 23d 3rd to Petry in 1m31 Ayr handican (good). Fantal 63d 9th to Fahs in 114m Varmouth handican (good). Boss Lady 4f 5th to Topaton in 1m24f Haydock fillies handicap (sod). Wight Minage 7f 3rd to American Whisper at 14m Decrease handicap (good). Alakture best Basic Row 8f in 114m Catenick marker (soft) with Pradesh (8th better off) 10l 5th. Sementara 38d 3rd to Saction in 114m Leccaler marker (soft) with Pradesh (8th better off) 10l 5th. Sementara 38d 3rd to Saction in 114m Leccaler marker (soft) with Italitath Belle in 114m Redour states (good to Rom). Siles Whallian 84d 5th to Moneton in 114m Newbury marker (good). Aeotha 64d 6th to Prilaki in 114m Catenick states (soft) with Sefton Blake (3th better off) 94d 7th.

Alayte is state-the interestation.

AJAYIB is steadily interoving and case green a deserved first was of the season

3.30 DAK LIMITED STAKES (\$3,350; 5f) (8 runners) BETTENS: 9-4 Just Bob, 3-1 Bates Bose, 9-2 Alexon, Hobseno, 13-2 Bathymate, 7-1 Plum First, 14-1 others 1996; PALACEGATE JACK 5-9-1 J Carroll (B-1) C Dwyse 8 tan

African bear Bowler, Boy 11 or 5/ Pontelead bandicap (good to 500) with Just Bob (12th better off) 5/ Bith Bellymote 21/ last of 19 to Pally Golden's up in 5/ Catenate bandicap (soil). Nobalino 44/ 4th to Canacing Myslery in 6/ Southwell madern (AWY) Plant Prist 44/ 4th to Saint Express in 77 Reduce bandicap (good to firm). Bejan Rose 27/ last of 22 to Aluminiyah in 6/ Haydock handicap (cott) BAJAN ROSE, unsulted by the soft ground last turns, can bounce back to term

. 1	4.UU POPLAR HANDICAP (£3,249: 1m 2l) (1/ runners)	
	607 (15) 3121652 SHAFFSHAYES 22 (F.9.5) (P Davidson-Brown) Mrs M Reveloy 5-10-0 10 McKesowa	7
ř	502 (10) 1002642 JEDI KNIGHT 7 (F.S.) K Hadason) M W Easterty 3-9-9 L Charmons	
0	I GD3 1121 (NGC)3002 CLASSIC FIND 7 (CDLF) (Classic Brooksbet, PK) PH MACHET 4-9-8 P (Booksbet)	- 7
i	l COLL IN 2000 VERSATILITY 61 (B Coocher) R Johnson Househam 4-9-5 5 Sanders	
	Ens. Statement Markit 21 (Mrs & Celent & Curter 3-9-3	3
)	i Ang 193 5415400 Marol Don 8 (0.F.G) (Lamb Brook Associates) 3 Palang H-9-1 - Ulang UTANG	7
	1 Brot (4) 203-062 NBSSI FTOE 134 (F) (Shar & Hurtenner) D Morris 4-9-1 N Day	
1	(608 (1) \$84003 (N THE GENES 7 (Nilson Partiers Club) (Wilhelms 3-8-12 M Heavy (3)	-
7	500 (2) 0-05001 PICKERS 7 (C.P.) (Dan Benco Incisa) Ennou Incisa 5-8-12 (Ges) Kim Terkler	
3	610 (8) 8331300 JAVA RED 15 (0.5.5) (M Mg) J ForGerald 5-8-17	7
1	511 (11) 20000-1 VANADOM CRE 13 (0.7) (E Sente Octoord) W McKenne 4-8-10 . J Castral	_
t	612 (17) S010604 CLUED UP 13 (V,CD,F,S) (Mrs & Wilhelms) P Erans 4-8-9 J F Estan	Ц
. !	613 (13) 2224552 ESSAYEFFSEE 13 (CD.F.E) (Als S Marray) No. N Reactor 8-8-8 . K Darley	
,	514 (3) 0104465 RANDER CLUEST 13 (F.S) (Mainstanenille Pres.) J. Eye 5-8-6 S Bucatey (7)	- 3
- 1	815 (14) 45-0000 NEWERLICE BOY 19 (A Droper) M Monder 4-8-5	- 5
- 1	\$16 (7) 0225600 KEEP BATTLING 19 (0.) (1) Golden 7-8-2	
	617 (16) 65R-000 THALEROS 31 (D.P.) (M. Géason) J Wassanght 7-8-2	3
. (RETTING: 11-2 Missile Toe, 13-2 Statistiages, Vanadium Cou, 7-1 Jedi Kegiti, Classic Fool, 8-1 in The G	270
ı	Clued Lip, Rainteer Quest, 10-1 others	

Stantishayes shind 2nd to Prayan Joses in real Ann handicap (sodt). Jedi Kington reck 2nd to Sushkach in 1 im Redear handicap (good to firm). Cassic Floot %1 2nd to Tedulah Belle in 1 km Redear states (good to firm) handicap (sodt) and in the Princip Prant in 1 km Lebesste handicap (good to soft) with Cassic Floot (1b better 60) 411 15th. Missile Too 3%1 2nd to American Whisper in 1 km tamboth handicap (good to firm) in The Genes 2xil 3nd to Calendaia on 1 km Lebesste handicap (good). Pisteris beat roll 1 ki I in 1 km Newtractic tendicap (good to firm). Naraction One beat Sexyelfisee (3th better oil) 1 ki in 1 km Newtractic tendicap (good to firm). Naraction Check 3xil 5 to Boardisas Way in 1 km Newtractic handicap (good to firm).

RACING AHEAD Robert Wright

suggests the best value in the

it is difficult to justify racing

horses. But you get a buzz out

of making a success out of a

serious business such as

ante-post market BREEDERS' CUP MILE Hollywood Park, November 8 SUNDERTO THE LEADING PRICES.



hat the Breeders' Cup has been held around the sharp turns of follywood Park. Nonetheless, the successes of Lashkari and Masque for France have shown that it is not an impossible task From a betting perspective, the Mile makes most appeal.

RTTSH raiders have failed to win a race on the two occas

Splaning Woold, Rinner-up to De Hoes at Woodbine lest year, has ent enerthy does a ru vetted and og of estructual bed American runners applier witherable. Spinning World has won three of his four starts this season, most recently showing a fine turn of foot to best Helischs by three lengths in the Prix du. Moulin at Longthamp. He has to be respected, but it 5.2 the ers are taking no changes.

bookmakers are taking no changes.

Decorated Hero has largely been ignored in the build-up to this weekend, but is not a fortion house. Given too forceful a ride by Wille Riven when beaten at Newsystehat last time, he looked a top class performer on his president the rurns, winning both the group thee Supreme States of Charledot and the group two Prix du Spnd-Polin, at Longonding in line style. John Goeden has plenty of Breeders' Cup expen

would not be sending Decorated Here to the United States if he did not hallest he had genuine detris. A steep mile should be ideal and, with Frankie Dettori back in the saddle, DECORATED

EXETER

THUNDERER 1.20 Fili The Bill, 1.50 The Brewer, 2.20 Ask Tom. 2.50 Pongo Wering, 3.20 Zabadi, 3.50 Va Utu, 4.20

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.20 MULLIGAN.

1.20 WILLIAM HILL CREDIT NOVICES KURDLE (£2,679: 2m 11 110yd) (11 runners) (\$2,679: 270 Ti T10yd) (11 rutiners)

1 14-1 KMG OF THE DAWN 80 (6) N Michael 5-11-5 C Lieumbin

2 ATLANTIC ARST 116F B Michael 4-10-12 D Salar (8)

3 BP DICKYVEARNCOMBE 1B A Berrow 5-10-12 Mr O Michael (7)

4 6P33 FLL THE BILL 12 M Page 5-10-12 C G Michael

5 C BLANAR 5-5 A Down 4-10-12 S Michael

6 PF-F MACHORRES 14 D Michaelan 4-10-12 A Maguar

7 0050 GAUGROW 14 M Sompard 4-10-12 R Juhnson

10 C S PURLICK CASTLE 12 P Rachers 4-10-12 B Fertica

9 VILLAGE KING 435F P Hobbes 4-10-12 R Durwoody

10 -PGB MODAM CROWNE 12 (6) N Townson 7-40-7 G Borrough

11 SHELAS DREAM 67F N Howe 4-10-7 Mag E J Jones (7)

4-5 FM The Bit 5-1 Macrosons, Vising King, King Of The Dawn, 9-1 Juliane

1,500ebit Handicap Hurdle (52,700: 2m 3f) (6) 1 A16 SCARLET RANKERS 31 (D.F.) Miss H Maght 6-11-10 J Culley 2 - 317 THE BREWER 13 ACD F 63 J Tuck 5-11-4 . B Belanny 3 GSS - SUNG OF KERNA SCAR B Malterna 5-10-3 . D Salter (5) 4 505 - WILLTER'S DESTREY 223 C Mached 5-10-1 . E McMarti 5 - P30 AKTIGUA'S THEASURE 13 A Barrow 6-10-0 But O McPharl (7) 6 PPP - QUEEN OF THE SURF 229 N Missels 8-10-0 Suphis Missels (7) 11-10 The Brewer, 2-1 Scalet Rembler, 6-1 Song Ot kends, 12-1 others

2.20 WILLIAM HILL HALDON GOLD CUP CHASE 1 333- VECING PLAGETEP 203 (D.F.G.S.) D Micholton 10-11-10

2 124- ASK TOM 214 (D.F.O.S.) T Tate 8-11-10 R Garmy 175 3 02-1 SALES CAVALER 12 (C.D.C.S.) D Sangello 9-11-6 R Dumondy 180

5 c2-3 CH SO RISKY 17 (F,G) D Eksworth 10-18-7 . . P HoBey 161 BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Redown 1.30 Breakin Even 300 Pradesh

2.50 WILLIAM HILL EXETER HANDICAP CHASE

11-4 Statute Light, 7-2 Crown Equatry, Cooline, 9-2 Pango Wantey, 6-1 Dysent Marrary, 10-1 Absence

3.20 WILLIAM HILL LUCKY CHOICE NOVICES CHASE (E3,552: 2m 1/ 110yd) (7)

6 082- ZABADI 198 (6.5) O Nicholson 5-10-12 . . . A Magnite 7 421- MAID FOR ADVENTURE 179 (F.5) View H Knight 5-10-7 J Callody 6-4 Zatada, 6-1 Special Photos, 11-2 Ciffon Garre, 6-1 Antiferide, Maid For Advance, 16-1 Circuit Hall

1 851- DOCTUM 231 (F.S) Mirz H knight 6-11-10 J Cultury 112 2 00-0 SEL (NG 13 (B.C.) A Dunn 6-11-5 S Michael 9 3 23-2 HAMSON 26 (S.S.) B Mührma 5-10-11 S Michael 10 4 224- VA UTU 197 (F.G) M Fine 5-10-1 ... C Michael 117 - FR-P DRESS DANCE 34 (S.F) M Michael 7-10-2 Supiler Michael (F.G) 8 056- RE ROI 218 (F.G) W G M Turner 5-10-0 ... W McFarland 100 6-4 Va Lilu, 15-6 Diczem. 4-1 Handsco, 8-1 Ball One, 20-1 Re Roi, 33-1 Dress

4.20 BETTING LEVY BOARD MARIES STANDARD

OPEN MH FLAT RACE [51,235 2m 11 110yd] (15)

1 214 POTTER AGAN 268 (0.6) D Nicholaso 5-11-7 B Messey (8)

2 6 BALLY URA 52 P Roding 5-11-0 ... S Sentrough

CELTIC LAND R Freet 4-11-0 ... J Freet

4 DRKY MRS J Pitman 4-11-0 ... B Festion

5 933 ELLOPASSOF 70 1 Stastey 5-11-0 ... B Festion

6 HLISHING SPRIT MISC Labracy 5-11-0 ... D Gattapher

7 D GRATEST RENDRO 171 (Williams 4-11-0 ... B Rowed

10 LAND OF MYTH R Freet 4-11-0 ... B Powed

10 LAND OF MYTH R Freet 4-11-0 ... B Powed

11 LITTLE HULTON MES M Kinche 4-11-0 ... B Powed

12 30 MAYBROGE LADY 24 P Protot 4-11-0 ... G Lordoy

13 REPHANDED 2-0 Brace 6-11-0 ... B Downoody

14 080- SPLASH OF BLAKENTY 279 S Naged 6-11-0 ... D Salter (5)

16 THE DESSEL QUEEN J 5 Moore 5-11-0 ... D Salter (6)

17-6 POWER Agan 5-1 Daty, 7-1 Lalle Hulton B-1 Minkindge Lidy. 10

6-4 Power Agan 5-1 Daty, 7-1 Lalle Hulton B-1 Minkindge Lidy. 10

WARWICK

1.40 Gray Pastel. 2.10 Brambles Way. 2.40 Golder Drum, 3.10 Royal Action, 3.40 Commache Creek.

1.40 RAGLEY HALL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,801: 2m) (5 runners) 3F1 GRAY PASTEL 19 (F) LI POR 11-4 ... A P McCoy
4 BLIS CREES 1) Jurkons 10-7 ... JOSDOME
CANALRY P R Weebs 40-7 ... JA McCorny
REEN WAITERS OF MRS S Williams 10-7 N Williamson

2.10 COUGHTON COURT CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,868; 2m) (11)

5-4 Boay Pastel, 7-2 Star Cheese, 9-2 Linea-G, 5-1 Keen Waters, 7-1 Caroley

1 13-3 BRAMBLES WAY 13F (BF,D,F,Q,S) Mr. M Pevoley 8-11-9 2 5213 GALLOPPIG GLINS 30 (BF.D.F.) B Limedyn 5-11-0

3 DGG CORPORATE MAGE 20F R SINGSON 7-10-11 6 Bradley
4 R.P. MY GALLY BOY 5 F Joseph 8-10-71 D Bytos
5 R128 ALSEANE 7 (D.F) F Codes 8-10-8 N Welleumson
6 P243 AUGURN BOY 5 (D.F) E (D.F) 1 Williams 10-10-8 A P McCoy
7 0-40 LEF OF BRAN 14 J Wayse 5-10-8 Mr R Welley (5)
8 DGS WESTCOAST 160 M Tale 6-10-8 N Marshon 03
9 518 CULLIN CAPEN 14 (D.F.G.S) T Watson 5-10-6 R Thornton 03
10 -511 FALM 5 (D.G.S) J Allen 4-10-5 X ALQUERY (5)
11 P4F TAKE A FLYER 12 (D.G.S.) R Modges 7-10-5 Y Desponde 3-1 Brandries Way 7-2 Albemane, 9-2 Fipsa, 6-1 Autoum Boy, Cultin Capes 7-1 Gelloping Bons, 16-1 Life Of Brass, 20-1 others.

2.40 HATTON COUNTRY WORLD NOVICES

1 3231 LITTLE THETURE 6 (F) Mrs T Microret Stanner 7-11-4 G Upton 2 09P- ALCINEWAYDOWN 278 N Chance 8-18-12 T J Marphy 3 042F SOLIDEN DRUMS 7 (5) 1 O Shen 7-10-12 R Thombon (3) 4 RyPP HERE'S HUMBHRSY 15 J Whole 8-10-12 ... Mr R Waldoy 5 23U3 GOWER-SLAVE 18 (6) P Romen 5-18-19 W Marston

3.10 NOVICES HURDLE (£2,745: 2m 3f) (4) 1 ELA-MENT 357F 8 Pears 5-10-12 Leem Long 2 422- MAZAMET 167 D O'Neill 4-10-12 V Russes 3 5 ROOXYS PROFIES 12 Mass 16 Google 4-10-12 D Bridgester 4 32-2 ROYAL ACTION 12 (8F) O Strengold 4-10-12 J Obborne 2-5 Royal Action, 11-4 Mazames, 14-1 Rocky's Profiles, 25-1 Ela-Ment.

3.40 CASTLE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,968: 3m 21) (3) 1 2114 COMMANCHE CREEK 14 (B.F.G) M Pape 7-11-10 A P McCoy 2 1P-4 PRIMITIVE PRONY 14 (G.S) Mrs 0 Hove 6-10-12 D Bridgester 3 -3P3 WHAT IS THE PLAN 6 (G) B Pearle 8-10-0 Mr S Derack (7)

2-5 Communicine Creek, 7-2 Promitive Perpy, 13-2 (Missi & The Plan.

4.10 LECESTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,675. 2m) (3) 1 1224 ROBERT'S TOY 12 (B.BF.D.F.G.S) M Pipe 6-11-10 A P McCoy 2 65-3 GOLDINGO 18 (CD.F.G.S) C M Pipe 10-11-5 Mr 5 Durack (7) 3 -421 SOURCE'S OCCASION 12 (B.D.F) R Curts 4-10-9 N Williamson 13-8 Squite's Occasion 7-4 Goldingo 2-1 Robert's Toy

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSPRS: N Chance. 3 winners: from 4 numbers. 75 0%, P Bowen. 4 from 15, 26,7%, M Proc. 26 from 112, 23,2%, O Sherwood, 9 from 44, 20 5%; P Webber. 4 from 27, 19 0%, R Hodges, 4 from 27, 14,8% JOCKESS: N Welkerson. 17 winners: from 59 rides, 24 5%, I J Marphy, 3 from 13, 23 1%, J Osboure. 16 from 72, 22,2%, G Bradley, B from 53, 14 5%, D Bridgendes, 7 from 52, 13 5%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

put on the map."

1.10 (1m ell 16yo) 1, Montecunito (Mass Flynn, 3-1), 2, Bold Buster (6-4 lay), 3 Reservel (6-1), 15 ran NR Deglal Option 341 (01 R Guster, Tote E/20, 21 & E1 10, 23 00 DF-23 10. The E7 00 CSI 27.55

Going, good to firm
1.20 (2m hole) 1, Eponine (A Thomton,
10-11 lav), 2, The Real McCoy (14-11 3,
Good Judge (11-4) 10 ran 131, 40 E
Bifort, Total C1 90, C1.30, C2.30, E1 10
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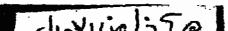
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BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

NO ACTION is to be taken

over claims by David How-

ells, the Tottenham Hotspur

midfield player, that a club's players had won £30,000 by staging a betting coup on the time of a game's first throwin. The Football Association

said yesterday that there was

no proof of any wrong doing. Howells had said in a radio

interview that a team had

visited White Hart Lane, put

money on the time of the first

throw-in and then "booted the

ball out of play" straight from the kick off to win the bet. It

was also suggested that West Ham United players had been involved in a similar scam against Manchester

United in May, when Paul

Kitson knocked the ball out of

The FA subsequently asked

Howells to clarify his com-

ments. "David was not able to

expand on them and, in any event, there are no bets avail-

able these days on dead balls. so the matter is historical," an

FA spokesman said. He add-

ed that Howells had been

referring to "anecdotal evi-

dence from a game in the late

1980s" and that the FA "would

not be taking any action". Harry Redknapp, the West

by Sir John Smith, the former

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Howells: interview

tendent, that concluded there

"widespread" betting

play from the start.

IT TAKES a lot to ruffle Brian Little, the Aston Villa manager. Comfortable victories and comprehensive defeats. transfer speculation and media criticism, are treated in much the same manner. He considers his comments, delivers them in calm, measured tones and rarely overreacts to barbed questions or ill-

informed gossip.
Yesterday, Little was ruffled. On the eve of the Uefa Cup second-round, second-leg tie against Athletic Bilbao at Villa Park this evening, he and the club stood accused of lacking ambition to compete at the higher end of the FA Carling Premiership market. If something was not done, it was claimed, an exodus of Villa's best players would

Little's critic was not Stan Collymore, who has been known to speak too candidly, nor Sasa Curcic, the temperamental Yugoslav. Nor was it Mark Bosnich, the Villa goalkeeper, who recently cast doubts over the merits of players in front of him; nor was it Savo Milosevic. who, in an article in a foreign maga-zine, allegedly took Collymore to task for his selfish play and sour outlook on life.

That it was Gareth Southgate, the Villa captain, proved all the more hurtful to Little. Southgate could be a clone of his manager — thoughtful. articulate and unlikely to cause offence - but when he aired his forthright views on national radio before the 2-0 home defeat against Chelsea on Saturday, it was if Little

had been pierced in the heart. He has accepted the ramblings of Bosnich, Curcic and Milosevic - a quiet word has usually eased the discontent — but Southgate's opinions bruised him to the bone. "I get used to criticism, it's part of the business." Little said yesterday, "but it is very disappointing when it comes from one of your own players. What has been said is aimed at the team. I see the team as my responsibility so it is aimed directly at myself and I take it very personally."

Uncharacteristic though it

BY MATT DICKINSON

FEW doubt that Liverpool can

score the three goals that they

need to take their Uefa Cup

second-round, second-leg

match with Strasbourg into

extra time tonight, or even the

four that they must get to win

the tie. It is the fact that they

are just as likely to concede

one in the process that will be

gnawing away at the confi-

dence of the their supporters

at Antield tonight and adding



Southgate, the Villa captain, was critical of the team's form, questioned the ambition of the club and said he may seek a move if things do not improve

Premiership obscurity. "Unless the club shows the ambition to maintain top players. you end up with the scenario where you lose the best players you already have," he said. "The whole things starts to fall apart." He then intimated that he, and others, may seek a move if Villa achieve nothing more than a mid-table

Little has since spoken with

That Liverpool can only

play better than they did in the 3-0 defeat in the first leg in

France is certain. The inter-

vening formight has done

nothing to soften memories of

just how incompetent they

were that night, particularly in defence, and Strasbourg

can expect an entirely different

proposition this time around. Neil Ruddock, who had an

unimpressive game in France,

offended, but the England defender will lead the side against Bilbao. "I told Gareth to go home, get some sleep and get ready to play," Little said.
"If anything else then needs to
be addressed, we will do it after the game is over.

"He shouldn't have said what he did. No player has the right to say what should or shouldn't be going on in the transfer market. It's only detracted from what we are all trying to achieve tomorrow

manager, has returned to the

back four that he abandoned

to such cost in the first

meeting. Neither change,

though, has lessened the confi-

dence of David Zitelli, who

contributed two goals in the first leg either side of a collision with Ruddock's boot

that forced him to complete

the game with his head

"I am disappointed Rud-

swathed in bandages.

to the French club's already has since been dropped and bullish mood. Roy Evans, the Liverpool

night." Perversely, in an un-settled domestic season, Villa have reserved their best endeavours for the Uefa Cup. They drew 0-0 away to Bordeaux in the first round, before disposing of them 1-0 at home, and also returned from Spain with a goalless draw

two weeks ago.
Bilbao, high on effort but short on penetration in the first game, did not appear the most threatening of opponents. "We had had reports

dock is not playing after what happened in the first game." Zitelli said. "To be honest, I

don't think he should be

playing football at all when he

does things like that. I under-

stand Liverpool are playing four at the back instead of five

since they dropped him. That's great. There should be even

more space at the back to score

Liverpool have been in this

position before. Confronted

with a three-goal, first-leg

that they would get at us but, in the end, it was quite comfortable." Mark Draper. the Villa midfield player, said. But I'm sure they'll pose a bigger threat over here than Bordeaux did."

Villa's problems are physical as well as mental. Mark Bosnich has a knee injury, Dwight Yorke sustained a gashed thigh against Chelsea and Collymore is recovering from a sinus operation.

deficit in the Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Paris Saint-Germain last season,

Liverpool nope illmsy defence noids firm

recall than he expected, possi-

ered the implications of defeat

and he knows the price of

failure. "If we lose, on the back

of what's been going on here,

this situation won't go away, it'll grow," he said. "A bad result could lift the lid off

Little has already consid-

bly among the substitutes.

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they battled gamely in the return at Anfield and salvaged some credit with a 2-0 victory. The club's supporters, howgetting too excited. ever, are unlikely to be won over by heroism in defeat in Failure to break with Europe this time, with the club struggling halfway down the FA Carling Premiership and showing few signs of moving up. If there is any cause for English optimisim, it is that



Strasbourg are faring even worse than Liverpool in their own league, a i-I draw at home to Auxerre at the weekend leaving them in fourteenth place. Evans will not be-

among players and that it had precedent and overturn the tie the "potential for corruption" if it was seen to go unpunwill only increase the pressure ished. The FA has rejected on the Liverpool manager to Redknapp's calls.

Cardiff City will have to wait to see if they will be pumished for crowd disorder mount a credible challenge for the championship, but he was not helped in that regard on Saturday by the dismissal of Robbie Fowler, which will see him suspended for Premier-ship games against Arsenal and Barnsley, as well as a Coca-Cola Cup de against during the Nationwide League third division derby against Swansea City at Ninian Park on Sunday. Police had to stop a group of Cardiff supporters trying to reach the Swansea fans after Grimsby Town.

The Liverpool striker, who is likely to be partnered by Karlheinz Riedle tonight, Keith Walker had given Swansea an eleventh-minute apologised yesterday for rais-"We're waiting for the refer-ee's report and any other relevant reports before we consider what action, if any, ing his arm to strike Per Frandsen, of Bolton Wanderers, during the teams' 1-1 draw at the Reebok Stadium on to take," an FA spokesman said. The Football Association Saturday. A hat-trick tonight will be equally well received. of Wales will also investigate the trouble. Walker's goal gave Swansea a 1-0 victory.

RUGBY LEAGUE

ourgent form

Giants to profit from fall of Paris

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

RUGBY league's bold European experiment has failed with the predictable shutdown yesterday of Paris Saint-Germain. The club, which was hailed as the cosmopolitan new face of the Super League. has surrendered its place after 20 months of mismanagement and political and legal wranglings with reluctant authorities in France.

In their two seasons, Paris successfully avoided relega-tion largely because of their use of English coaches and Australian players. Their place next season has been given to Huddersfield Giants, the runners-up in the first division. By 1999, the Super League will contain 14 teams under a franchise operation, which could see the introduction of Swansea, where a

consortium is in place.

Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, said yesterday: "It would have been very easy to include Swanses and Paris, who were both extremely keen to be included in 1998. Everyone felt, however, that we could assist both applicants better by working closely with them to assemble a workable infrastructure and squad of

Ham manager, also refuted the allegations about his players."
Lindsay's words cannot dis-guise the failure of PSG and side's match at Old Trafford. How do you make sure you the public relations difficulwin the toss?" he said. "It was ties associated with it. Stabiljust a kick-off that went ity is the watchword for next season, with the present 12wrong."
Redknapp recently called for players who had been team structure retained, although potential franchise found guilty of betting on applicants for 1999 may interpret the failure of Paris, cly. It followed an FA report, despite uniquely difficult circumstances there, as a timely

warning.
Paris's last game at the Charlety Stadium, where they opened the Super League era in March last year by beating Sheffield Eagles before a crowd of nearly 18,000, involved the demotion of Oldham Bears, who subsequently went into liquidation, al though a reformed club is to be allowed into the second division next season.

The inclusion of Hudders ment around the game's M62 corridor, although, as Lindsay said, the club offers impressive facilities at the McAlpine Stadium and there are resources to invest in a highquality team.

Despite the fall of Paris, the now British-only Super League remain anxious to comply with the terms of its £87 million contract by continuing to push out the game's boundaries. Chris Caisley, the chairman of Rugby League Europe — the clubs' marketing arm — said: "Our ambitions to extend Super League are still firmly on track, and by stating our plans for 1999 at this early stage we are setting out clearly what Super League is all about

"It is our elite competition. and we will prepare professionally, so that all supporters know what to expect in 1999." Neil McChure, the chairman

of the Swansea consortium, said: "We have accepted the advice of the League, which will give us much more time to prepare for 1999. We will be appointing our management team in the next few months and this will give us a whole year to build a strong squad."

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Fowler: apology ATHLETICS Golden era ends with new league ATHLETICS is to have a new super league that will spell the end of the lucrative golden four series of meetings in Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin. Promoters of the four meetings are understood to have agreed unanimously to end the series, launched in 1993, to avoid conflicting with the new league planned by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the world governing body of athletics Giorgio Reineri, an IAAF spokesman, confirmed the plan for a super league. The idea is to have lewer meetings but all the important ones

concentrated (in the super league). he said "There should be around ten and the meetings of the golden four will naturally be part of it." The golden tour, which became increasingly popular

and collected huge sums from television rights, shared 20 one-kilogram gold bars between athletes in selected disciplines who won their event in all four meetings.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL: SAN FRANCISCO'S DYNAMISM LEAVES DALLAS COWBOYS STRUGGLING TO MAKE THE PLAY-OFFS

Resurgent 49ers run into form

BY OLIVER HOLT

IT WAS close and it was controversial, as games between two of the giants of American Football almost always are, but the result confirmed that the Dallas Cowboys are in trouble, beginning what threatens to be a gradual decline, while their rivals, the San Francisco 49ers, are in the midst of a stirring renaissance

The 49ers' 17-10 defeat of the Cowboys at the former Candlesnick Park on Sunday night was their eighth successive win of the season and left them tied for the best record in the National Football League (NFL) with the Denver Bron-cos. The chances of Dallas even reaching the end-of-season play-offs are receding with every game.

Results and tables

The Cowboys left the West Coast claiming that they had been robbed of an opportunity to level the match when Rod Woodson, the San Francisco cornerback, appeared to im-pede Michael Irwin, the Dallas wide receiver, as he prepared to make a catch that would have led to a touchdown. Officials, though, refused to call a pass interference penalty.

"We were tested," Steve Mariucci, the San Francisco coach, said. "It was a tremendous game, a game that could have gone either way. Two very capable teams slugging it out and playing as hard as they can. It was a play-off type atmosphere. We are still try-

ing to improve throughout the eason and peak at the end." The 49ers' victory, though, reflected the optimism that has filtered into the team since Mariucci, who had never coached in the NFL, took over at the start of the season. With Jerry Rice, their wide receiver. out since the opening day, San Francisco have developed a running game and it was Garrison Hearst, their run-ning back, who led them on Sunday with a touchdown and 104 rushing yards.

Dallas appear to be stagnat-ing, their celebrated players, such as Troy Aikman, shorn of confidence and some of the skills of their youth. If November is the traditional month for English football managers to get the sack, Barry Switzer, the beleaguered Dallas coach, must be starting to look over his shoulder, too.

An even starker example of the ebb and flow of NFL fortunes - a happier one, this time - occurred at Meadowlands, in New Jersey, where the New York Jets beat the Baltimore Ravens 19-16 in overtime and moved into first place in the American Football Conference (AFC) eastern division for the first time in 11

Last season, the Jets were a laughing stock, winning only one of their 16 regular season games. This year, they have already won six, losing just three, and they stand above the more highly-rated New England Patriots and the Miami Dolphins. Suddenly, with Bill Parcells in charge, it seems they have a real chance of making the play-offs.



J J Stokes, of the San Francisco 49ers, chades Kevin Smith for the winning touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys. Photograph: Clay McLachlan

The game was won with a 31-yard field goal from John Hall, a rooke, who had missed the easiest of kicks in similar circumstances against the Patriots earlier in the season. "I just tried to keep my head down and follow through, Hall said "It's fortunate that I got another chance after I messed up my opportunity in New England."

Denver continued their fine form when they squeezed their way to a 30-27 win against the Seattle Seahawks. John Elway, their quarterback, threw for 238 yards and two touchdowns to move into second place on the all-time passing yardage list, behind Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins. This year, perhaps, he may add a Super Bowl ring to his

impressive statistics at last. If that is to happen, though, it is likely the Broncos will have to force themselves past either the 49ers or the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl. With Dallas on the slide, it seems increasingly as if the Packers and the 49ers will be vying for the National Football Conference berth in the season finale.

The Packers are gradually recovering from a surprisingly shaky start to their season and on Sunday, inspired by Brett Favre, their quarterback, who threw for 181 yards and a touchdown, they defeated the Detroit Lions 20-10 to climb above the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Central Division. It was the Packers' twentieth

consecutive victory at their

forbidding home, Lambeau Field, and equalled the record for the second-longest undefeated run. The Packers of the early

Thirties lasted a score of games unbeaten in northern Wisconsin, too, and now only the Miami Dolphins mark of games unbeaten, set between 1971 and 1974, stands ahead of Favre and his side.

Cronje at top of his form

E CRICKET: Hansie Cronje led from the front with 94 as South Africa surged to a five-wicket win over West Indies in the Golden Jubilee tournament in Lahore, Pakistan, yesterday.

Cronje's captain's innings, supported by 64 from Gary Kirsten and a fluent, unbeaten 53 by Jonty Rhodes, took South Africa past the West Indies' 293 for eight with 11 balls to spare. Carl Hooper made 105 for the West Indies.

Tiger stalking

BASKETBALL: The Leopards, who began their defence of the National Cup with a nine-point win over Derby Storm on Sunday, face a tough quarter-final visit to Thames Valley Tigers. QUARTER-FINAL DRAW, Lorson v Mancheser Guers, Transe Valle v The Leoparts; Bamercham

Pinches hurts

M SNOOKER: Barry Pinches, of Norwich, equalled the second highest break in the Benson and Hedges Championship in Malvern yesterday but his 143 total clearance in the fifth frame was not enough to prevent a 5-2 defeat in the sixth round by Craig Roper.

Wheels oiled

CYCLING: The English Sports Council yesterday agreed to an extra funding of £100,000 over the next 12 months to the British Cycling Federation for the National Cycling Centre in Manchester.

TENNIS

Rusedski set for Hanover

GREG RUSEDSKI, the Great Britain No I, confirmed his place in the ATP Championship in Hanover next week when he defeated Nicklas the first round of the Stock-.

holm Open last night. Rusedski will be the first Briton to compete in the Hanover tournament, which features the eight leading players in the world. He joins Pete Samoras, winner of the Pasris Open last week, Michael Chang, the world No 2, Patrick Rafter, the US Open champion, and Jonas Bjorkman, the losing finalist in

Against Kulti, Rusedski needed treatment on court for a headache after taking a 5-4 lead in the first set. Four games earlier, the world No 5 had recovered from two double faults by sending down

three aces. Tim Henman, the Great Britain No 2, lost his way, but recovered his focus in time to salvage a victory over David Wheaton, a qualifier. The world No 17 from Oxford, who lost his chance to qualify for the ATP Championship last

BOWLS officials in Hong Kong profess that they created

the Manulife International

Classic at Kowloon to give

their local players, who play in

a limited circuit of league

competition.

games, a taste of international

students became the masters,

as Tony Tong and Jacky Wong

handed out a lesson to two of

the world's leading bowlers.

David Gourlay, and Graham

Tong and Wong had chal-

lenged the Scottish pair to a

"friendly" match on Sunday seemed to be almost certain

Robertson, of Scotland.

Yesterday, however, the

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

week, eventually triumphed 1-6, 6-1, 7-6. Herman steeled himself after dropping the first set against Wheaton, an oft-injured American now ranked 150th in the world, "I felt like I was just going through the motions in the first set."

Wheaton for the first time, "He played well in the first set, but I suddenly felt that I

Henman, who was playing



Henman: fought back

wanted to salvage something from this match. I was disappointed last week in Paris. It was pride of performance for me here." We per sea to

Henman fought back for two breaks of Wheaton's service in the second set. The final set went to a tie-break after four breaks of serve in the first six earnes. Henman had three match-points, but Wheaton saved them all with winners, before claiming victory with a drop volley that Wheaton

could only lob long. Henman joined Cedric Pioline, of France, and Thomas Muster, of Austria, as winners

on the first day at the Kungliga Termishalle.

Caroline Vis. of Holland. who was disqualified from the Kremlin Cup women's doubles final on Sunday for insulting the umpire, will also be fined, a spokeswoman for the organisers said yesterday. Vis and her partner, Yayuk Basuki, the No 2 seeds, were trailing 5-3 in the first set to top seeds Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Natasha Zvereva, when Vis argued with the umpire over a line call and was ordered to leave the court.

defeat at the hands of South

Africa, the holders. Gerry

Baker, from Johannesburg.

and Neil Burkett, from Cape

Town, scored 13 shots in the

first four ends, but were

overhauled on the twentieth.

and eventually beaten 25-20.

A second Hong Kong pair, Anthony Carstairs and Noel

Kennedy, added the scalps of Andy Wills and Stuart Airey,

of England, while a third, Ken

Wallis and Jim Melbourne.

beat Adam Jeffrey and Mark

Results, page 46

Jacobsen, of Australia.

BOWLS

Hong Kong ditch Scotland

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES IN HONG KONG

evening, and had beaten them

by a single shot, boosting their

confidence for the round-robin

Four successive trebles gave

Hong Kong a 12-5 lead, but

Scotland fought back bravely

to level the scores at 19-19 by

the time the last end started.

With the jack in the ditch.

Wong found a way of knock-

ing the shot bowl off the green

to claim two shots for a 21-19

went on to defeat Malaysia

while Scotland escaped what

The official Hong Kong pair

HOCKEY

Giles takes new role for England

England

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN CAURO

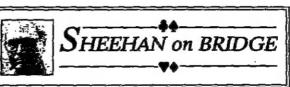
CALUM GILES was purely a specialist. In an internat career spanning more than two years, he had been confined to the bench, springing into action only to strike from corners before returning to captivity on the sidelines.

Not any more, however Giles scored his first goal for England from open play yes terday and played a prominent part in a victory over Egypt in the first of five international matches here. It was a personal victory for him and for Barry Dancer, the new England coach from Australia. He gave Giles his freedom, sending him out to replace Crutchley in the twentieth minute of the first half and leaving him him on the pitch until seven minutes before the end.

First, Giles assumed his normal role. He struck the first short corner in the seventh minute, hitting a post before Woods won a tussie to give England the lead. He struck at another short corner in the 23rd minute, switching the ball for Garcia to score. Six minutes later, Garcia created the chance for Giles to

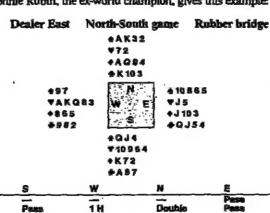
claim the third. Almost on half-time, Egypt retaliated with a goal by Mohomed Seid. England played 20 minutes of the second half against ten men. one of the Egyptians having been suspended, but failed to build on their advantage.

Grant Ort MICEL BLOVELLINGE.
EGYPT: Gernet Heterry, Hessen Hossen, Abdolleth Anno, Said Muse, Ebrahim Botat, Amen Erned, Abollet Khelig, Monem Yisse, Serner Micharmed, Micharmed Sed, Said Ahrned, Substitutes usetch Micharud Sernet, Micharud Elmalett, Harnocka Armed, Signa, J. Wagat, W. Waugh, D. Woods, J. Prolocok, A. Smors, C. Mayer, R. Gercie, R. Cruzchley, Substitutes usetch. B. Sterpe, Marquite Kocher, B. Bernes, C. Gilet.
Limbrat, B. Barnes, C. Gilet. Hussein (Egypt) and A



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In No-Trumps, when you lead a suit in which your right-hand opponent is marked with length, it is usually correct to lead the or even fourth-best, often spoils the defence's combined holding. Ronnie Rubin, the ex-world champion, gives this example:



Rubin, sitting West, led the three of hearts, and so the defence were able to take the first five tricks. A high heart would have blocked the suit. But that wasn't why he led low; it was in case declarer had J 10 x x, quite a likely holding as the hidding went. In that case a low heart maintains communication if East has a small doubleton

and a side entry. But the most dramatic case where the low heart gains is when the suit is distributed

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the suit if East gains the lead The lead of the eight is not good enough. The 1997 Lederer Memorial Trophy takes place at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 32 Barkston Gardens, London SW5 on November 8 and 9 with sessions at 2pm and 8pm on Saturday and Ipm on Sunday. Speciators welcome - £5 per session or £10 for all

three. Tickets on the door.

The three of hearts enables the

defence to take four tricks in

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EPIGON

a. A successor

b. A dwarf

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

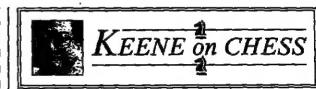
a. An alphabet b. A grandfather

ELAPHURE a. Ivory dye b. A deer c. A Greek oilpot

ABA

c. The Greek E GRIMTHORPE a. To overdecorate b. A scrap-book

Answers on page 50



ND1

25 Rd1

33 Cxg6-

Ntd7

Rc8

0-0

Bud4

Nc5

NXc4 d5

Not3-

Rxc4

Og5 txg6 Rtc8

Dx4

Kh8

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Russia wins

With an extraordinary lastround spurt, crushing the team from Georgia 4-0. Russia, even without the services of Kasparov, Karpov and Kramnik, won the gold medals in the world team championship at Lucerne in Switzerland. The team from the United States, having led throughout, must have been bitterly disappointed to be relegated to the silver medal in spite of beating Kazakhstan 3-

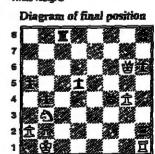
I in their last-round match. The British Chess Federation team canned a somewhat muted overall performance by losing in the final round to Armenia, and thus forfeiting any chance of a medal. Scores were as follows: Russia 232, US 23, Armenia 21, England 202. The individual British Chess Federation team scores were as follows: Short 4/8, Adams 5/8, Sadler 6/9, Speciman 4/6, Hodgson 1/3,

Nunn 1/2. Here is a game from Russia's last-round slaughter of Georgia.

White: Nana loseliani Black: Peter Svidler World team championship, Lucerne, October 1997

Modern Defence

3 Nc3 4 Be3 5 Od2



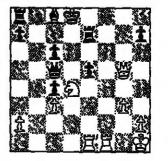
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kohlweyer v Jonkman, Holland 1997. Black's position is dreadful: his king has no shelter and the white pieces are very actively placed. White now found an accurate move to conclude the game. What did he play?

Solution on page 50



ICE HOCKEY

Cobras show lack of venom

THESE are difficult times for the lead in the twelfth minute Newcastle Cobras (Norman de Mesquita writes). They take a four-goal deficit into the second leg of their Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final against Cardiff Devils on Thursday and they are still looking for their first league

win of the season. On Sunday, Mikael Wiklander gave Manchester Storm

and goals by Stephen Cooper and Mike Morin made it 3-0 early in the second. Jonathan Weaver scored for Cobras but they could not get any closer and Storm won 6-3. That took them two points clear of Ayr Scottish Eagles at the top of the Superleague.

Cardiff Devils slipped to

their first league defeat when

beaten 4-2 by Basingstoke Bison. The Bison led 2-0 at the end of the second period, but the Devils drew level ten minutes from the end, only to see Kevin Conway and Joe Stefan restore Basingstoke's two-goal margin during the final six minutes. Sheffield Steelers' 3-2 defeat by Bracknell Beeswas their

fifth in six matches.

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20/1

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RUGBY UNION: RETURN OF LOMU AND FITZPATRICK EMPHASISES FORMIDABLE STRENGTH

All Blacks darken Britain's horizons

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LIKE so many Blues Brothers. New Zealand's leading rugby players filed into their temporary home in Berkshire vesterday to begin their nine-match tour of Wales, Ireland and England. "South Africa." Sean Fitzpatrick, their captain, said, are the world champions." but no one has any doubt that the leading side in the world in 1997 is the All Blacks.

Black has always been their motif but their tour garb is blacker than usual — black suits, black polo necks; even Jane Dent, their media liaison officer, was dressed in black from head to foot. Only the sunglasses were missing but the image remains a powerful one. So does the reality, of a team that this year has won all eight of its internationals and which, under the coaching of John Hart, has lost only one of

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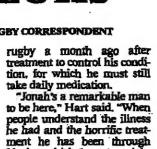
ooke, M Carter, A Hope midge, T Randell.

18 games in the past 20

Yet even Hart conceded that

four internationals, played back-to-back against Ireland, England (twice) and Wales represent the sternest of challenges to his players, coming as they do on top of previous international and representative demands. "It's not possible for these guys to fire week in, week out, ten months of the year," he said. "At the moment the dollar is driving everyone to quantity.

These guys," of course, include Jonah Lomu, the most potent figure of the 1995 World Cup before nephrotic syndrome, a rare kidney condition, was diagnosed nearly a year ago. The giant wing, still only 22, returned to first-class



[during which Lornu's weight swelled to 24st], it's testimony to his quality that he has got himself up to be on the football field. I'm not expecting great things from Jonah on this tour, he is here for the future."

That will be little comfort to Lomu's potential opponents on this tour, which begins at Llanelli on Saturday and ends with the second meeting with England, at Twickenham on December 6. Hart makes no secret of his discomfort, not only with four internationals but with the supporting matches in England that, depending on the whim of the electors, will effectively pit an England A XV against the All Blacks on three occasions.

Tours are important but they will be difficult to sustain in the professional era," Hart said. "I think it's important to use them to share games around so that as many players as possible receive an opportunity to play." He perceived this tour as

much as a development area as anything for newcomers such as Todd Miller and Aaron Hopa, who have sprung to prominence with Waikato this year. Miller, 22, is said to have played so well at full back that Christian Cullen, the incumbent, would have to look to his laurels. That, given Culien's established international credentials, takes some believing. "I don't put as much impor-





tance on the World Cup buildup as some people," Hart said. "It's a long way away in the context of the modern profes-sional game. We have two more Super 12 tournaments to 20. two more tri-nations, visits from England next year and from England and France the year after. This is not the World Cup tour party. We have left at least six people at

World Cup players but who need further development. Fitzpatrick returns to Britain after an unusually long absence from the game. After the completion of the southern-hemisphere international programme, Fitzpatrick, 34 and with 91 international appearances behind him, was out of action for the best part

of three months after an

operation on the ligaments of



Young guns: from left, Cullen, Hopa and Miller carry New Zealand hopes for the future

his right knee. He remains optimistic about playing in the 1999 World Cup though his Auckland colleague, Zinzan Brooke, will not.

This will be Brooke's last tour and next year the No 8 will join Harlequins for two seasons, but Hart had no doubt that he should remain part of the All Blacks for as long as possible. Zinnie told me a long time ago what he had in mind and I felt it would be unfair to take advantage of that." Hart said.

experience as long as we could, because so much will rub off on our younger backrow forwards, on Taine Randell, Aaron Hope and Andrew Blowers." Brooke; of course, will run up against John Mitchell in England. Mitchell was a playing colleague on tour here in 1993 but is now the England assistant coach. There is surprise among the touring party that Mitchell, 33, has risen so far so fast, though few of his coun-

TALK BADIO trymen doubt his quality. 8.30mm Paul Ross and Carol McSiffen 9.00 Scott Chland 12.00 Lonaine Keily 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.90 Peter Deel 7.00 Anna Fiseburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00mm Isin Collins

As we women drivers know, 94 per cent of all motoring offences are by men. Undoubtedly director Ella Bahaire set out to be even handed by getting a cross-section (some very cross) of male drivers to put their point of view. But the old stereotypes ("women have no sense of direction", "they don't go fast enough" etcl are there in spades. And the women? One is so nervous, she keeps a male dummy inamed "Justin Case") in the passenger seat. Says a woman tan driver. "Sex has nothing to do with it — good driving is just common sense." Says her cabbie husband: "Of course I'm the better driver. Women's concentration is too lax." In 1955 only 5 per cent of drivers were female. By 2010 it will be 50-50. And they (we) are beginning to prefer flash cars and to indulge in "road rage." The result driving offences among women are creeping up.

Zillah Loewe and "Justin Case" (C4.9pm)

51.400 a year. Would the likeable, jolly-hockey-sticks. Gillian DuCharme stand the pace of taking assembly and teaching French and English — a assembly and teaching French and English — a language some of the pupils harely understood? Her charges found "she didn't listen to us"... "she shouted"; "she was too polite". The Joyce Greniellish Gillian took it in good stead and eventually, with difficulty, managed to get some of the pupils to pay attention some of the time. Her sharpest criticism was reserved for the head, Andy Richardson. His verdict: "I think she did well—but I won't be hiring her."

Channel 4, 10.00pm

Andy Hamilton (Drop the Dead Donkey) has written a six-part drama which defies category. Sixtom? Well, you have to laugh — what about that Lib Dem candidate who loves Thomas Hardy and keeps hitting people? Thriller? Yes, that it certainly is, but so improbable it makes Twin Peaks look like the Teletubbies. Briefly, schoolteacher William Smith James Fleet) comes home to find his flat has been cleaned out and his new young wife (Camilla Power) has flown the nest. William's megalomaniac sister Susam (Susam Wookdridge) is no help — she's got the builders in — and messensible Auntie Dorech (Annette Crosbie) is dying, affect chirpily and cheerfully, in hospital. There is much, much more is to follow. So far, so devious but definitely one to watch.

What a billiman little at the meaning and the property of the brains and the paying £14,000 a year, and put her to work for a week at an East London comprehensive. Forest Gate Community school caters to 1,000 mixed ability, mixed race pupils funded at just

The Book of My Life

cities lay in ruins.

BBC2 9.50pm

Back to the Floor: A Class Apart

Cutting Edge: Women Drivers: Channel 4, 9.00pm

among women are creeping up ...

The great Mayan cities of Central America were abandoned in the jungles 1,000 years ago and some of them are still being discovered. Archaeologists have always believed the Mayans were a peaceful

lot, governed by "calendar priests" who studied maths and astronomy and cared for the environment. But recently deciphered codes in the hieroglyphics of tombs — plus evidence from skeletons and artefacts in the tombs themselves — suggest that this was not the case for long. Around the "the caretter," AD arrestable "manufactures and "

the 8th century AD. curiously "goggle eyed" conquerors roured into the sucred cities from

central Mexico and did much ravaging, beheading and fire-raising. By the 9th century these so called "sacred lords" had burnt themselves out and the

What a brilliant idea to take the headmistress of

Timewatch: Lords of the Maya.

BBC2 9.00pm

Too many of my visits to the public library occur on a Wednesday afternoon or during a hunch hour, so that I have the impression the library is housed in a building called Closed. The library service does not have enough funding and although National Libraries Week, which BBC radio is supporting, will not necessarily improve the situation, it will do no harm. This programme has personalities, from Sue Townsend to Margi Clarke, talking about the importance of books in their lives. "The library changed my whole life", Townsend says, echoing the feeling of many of us who have found illuraries indispensable. The programme shows that libraries have done everything from sparting

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On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes
 Mendelssohn (Plano Concerto Na 1 in G minor);
 Howness (Symphony No 2, Mysterious
 Mountain); Beethoven (Calm Sea and a

Grandmothers' Poststeps Radio 4, 8.30pm ...

The first of two documentaries of a kind radio doc well: contrasting social histories told by people who have lived them. The producer of these programmes is the moving spirit in more ways than one. Mukii Jain Campion's two children have grandmothers who hall from very different parts of the world. One is Catherine Ross, who was raised in the Scottish Highlands, the other is Shakunda Jain, born in North India. Campion takes her children to visit each grandmother and their recollisions of the properties of the country of the count ections serve two purposes: they give the grandhildren, Londoners both, a link to their roots and they give the clear impression that geography and culture are no har to the grandmothers having a

WORLD SERVICE

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Struggling champions welcome home draw

TETLEYS probably cannot believe its good fortune. The new sponsor of the knockout cup will be rubbing its hands in expectation after the draw for the fourth round, made yesterday at Twickenham, produced a selection of ties that yeer between the tantalising and the mouthwatering.

Wasps v Harlequins, London Scottish v Bath, Coventry v Leicester, Northampton v Bedford, and Worcester v Bristol are among the intriguing high-profile matches that should guarantee capacity

After their patchy recent form Wasps are thankful, at least, to have received a home tie, even if the opponents are Haricounts, the winners in 1991 and beaten finalists two.

years later. Nigel Melville, the director of rugby at Wasps, was confident that the club's recent hiccup will not become full blown indigestion by January, when the match is wil beplayed. "You have got to play the big sides sometimes so it doesn't make too many odds when," Melville said,

Bath's monopoly on the trophy has been broken only three times in the past ten years; last season they won nothing and, even with their own Scottish contingent, they DRAW

veless outer garment, resembling a sack with

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Wasps v Hadequirus, Moseley v Salet, Camberley v Newbury, Pytide v Roselyn Park, Coventry v Leobestyr, Brachnell v Rotherhern, Newcassier v British, Richmond v Sencerss, Wordester v British, Richmond v Donoaster, West Hartingood v Waterlield, Rugby v Reading, Manchester v London itest, London Sociitah v Besty, Northempton v Bedford, London Waleh v Gloupester,

Exiles, who are pushing for promotion from the Allied Dunbar premiership second division. Ironically, Richard Yerbury, their chief executive. lives in Bath and is a club member. "We will enjoy beating them." Yerbury "They don't come much big-ger than Bath."

It will be a matter of Leicester old versus the new when they travel to Coventry. who have Jez Harris and Wayne Kilford among their number. The clubs have met four times before in the cup interest in the East Midlands that Coventry, winners in 1973 and 1974, were yesterday ex-ploring the possibility of erectincrease their 8,000 capacity.

Another local derby involves Northampton and Bedford at Franklins Gardens. Geoff Cooke, the director of rugby at Bedford, who lead the second division, said: "It will be a game we think we can win. It will not be an impossible task, they are not invincible." London Welsh are another

venerable dub showing nev igns of life. They entertain cester. "It is an awkward tie." Richard Hill, the director of rugby at Glonoester, said. Doddie Weir has become the third Scottish British Isle forward to become unavailable for the international against Australia at Murrayfield on November 22. Rob Wainright and Tom Smith have been ruled out because of injury, while Weir was not considered, even though he is playing for Newcastle Weir has a back injury that prevents him from

4.45 Missic Machine. Tommy Pearson drops in on a rehearsal of Glasgow's socialist women's choir Eurycles, and finds out about the history of Mountain; Bestinoven (Calm Sea and a Prosperous Voyege); Ame (Centaita: The Moming); Amold (Sarabande; Polka, Solitaire); Mozart (Symphony No 33 in 8 flat)

8.89 Moming Collection, with Peter Hobday, Vivaldi (Concerto in C for two trumpets); Chopin (Four Mazuritas); Roussel (Symphony No 1, Poem of the Forest)

10.00 Mauelcel Encounters, with Mark Rowlinson.

political music-making in Britain in Tune, with Sean Rafferty, includes a 25th-birthday celebration as the Chilingirian Quartet visits the studio 10.00 Musical Enceanters, with Mark Rowinson.
includes Novak (Among the Children, Slovak
Suite); Andrew March (Marine a (revers Les
Arbres); Scriabin (Piano Soneta No 2 in G sharp,
minor); Prokošev (Overture on Hebrew Themes);
Dvořák (Overture: My Home); Victoria (Alma,
Redemptoris Meter); Schubert (Octet in F)
12.00 Composer of the Weelc Vaughan, Williams
1.00pm The Redic 3 Lunchthase Concert. Concluding
the series of concerts given last year in St.
George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Emperor Quartet,
Haych (String Quartet in F. Dream); Webern (Stx
Begetelles); Mozart (String Quartet in F) (f)
2.00 The BBC Orchestma. BSC National Orchestra of
Wates under Massahlo Entoji and Mark
Wingelesworth. With Stephen Hough, piano.
Sitellus (Lamminication and the Maidens of Seari;
Lamminication is Return, Legende); Brahms (Piano
Concerto No 2 in 8 fait); Sibelius (Symphony No
2)

vietis the studio
Performance on 3. Live from the Adrian Boult
Hati in Birmingham. Philip Langridge, tenor, David
Owen Norts, pierro. Schubert (Winterreise)
Postecript: Ulyasee (Sounding the Century).
The poet Tom Paulin and the critic and writer
Sesmus Deane reflect on Joyce's historical and
political irregination (2/5)
London Strifoniette, under Markus Stenz. With
Rex Lawson, planola. Knussen (Two Organa);
Carter (Esprit Rude/Esprit Douct; Ades (Living
Toya); Lindberg (Corrente II); Strawnsky (Madrid);
Nancerrow (Studies for Player Plano Nos 1 and
21); Nancerrow, an Mithashoff (Studies for Player
Plano Nos 6, 9 and 7)

Piano Nos 1, 9 and 7)
10.45 Night Weves. Richard Coles tells to Jack Zipes, the Editor of the Yale Companion to Jewish Writing and Thought in German Culture 1096-1996 about the aims of the survey and the paradoxes it

11.36 Composer of the Week: Dusselk (f)
12.36mm Jazz Notes. Includes a set from Platypus:
Gerard Presencer, flugel, John Paricell, gulbr.,
Steve Hamilton, keyboards, Andrew Cleyndert,
double bass, Gary Husband, drums
1.00 Barough the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.53em (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.60 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.56 Weather 9.00 News 9.65 Cell Ed Stoorton, Telephone 0171-580 4444 with your questions for the guest

4.00 Voices. Susan Roberts and tain Burnside (f)

of the day

10.00 (FM) News; Mean Times Australia. A took at
the people whose lives used to, and in some
cases still do, revolve around gold (3/6)

10.00 (LW) Daily Service 10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler 10.30 Werman's Heur, introduced by Jenni Munay 11.30 All in the Mind. The magazine which investig matters psychological and psychiatric. In a sp programme, Professor Anthony Clere Tooks of

programme, Professor Anthony Clere looks at mental health and children and asks whether the resture reason and contrary and asks whereit the young respond to therepy

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Booked! More Berary madness from Mark. Thomas, Roger McGeugh, Dille Kearre and Milles Kington. Chaired by Ian McMillen 12.65 Weather

1.00 The Wedd at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (†) 1.56 Shipping Forecast
2.60 News; Books and Company. In the last of the
carrent series, Will Self visits his local library (†) :
2.30 Microred in Music. The first of a new series in

which musicians choose and discuss music describing the character and spirit of their native countes. Andrew Green talks to the Japanese plants Norto Ogasa (1/6).

The Atlantices Shift. Presented by Daire Bretan.

4.00 News 4.06 Kalledoscope. Paul Vaughan visits the Freetrescore Library and talks to the poet Lavinia Grentaw. Plus, a look at a popular American novel, Fup4.45 Short Story: Swing Doors, by Merie Hannigen, read by Mercelle Righten.
5.00 PM, with Clare English and Chris Lowe 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.56 Weether 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.56 Weether 6.30 Imperial Palace. Amold Bennett's classic novel sat in the 1930s, dramatised by Peter Ling. With Robin Bils, Derek Waring, Colleen Prendergast, Charlotte Attenborrough and Am Beach (1/4) (f) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.26 File on 4. Presented by Richard Westson 8.00 Science New, with Peter Evens (f) 8.30 Grandsnethers' Footsteps. See Choice (1/2) 9.00 in Touch, Peter White with news, views and information for visually impaired people 9.30 Kateldoscope (f) 9.59 Weather 19.00 The World Temight, with Isabel Hilton 10.45 Book at Sedtime: Laughter in the Dark, by Vacinir Nabolov. Read by David Horovich (7/10) 11.00 (LW) Today in Parliament 11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament 11.30 (Fil) Foreign Correspondence. Angus Hauburgh looks back at views of St Petersburg (f) 12.00 News 12.30em The Labe Book: Purmy Boy.
Gary Piles reads Shyam Selvadural's story about a

12.00 News 12.30em The Late Book: Funny Boy.
Gary Piliai reads Shyem Selvadural's stary about a young Tamil boy growing up in Sri Lanks in the 1970's (2/10)
12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FRECHENCY GUIDE, MADIO 1. FM 97.8-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 196; MW 729. RADIO 5 LIVE MW 693, 909. WORLD SEMPICE MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM: FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO: FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO: MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Deer, Ian Hughes, Bossmary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane



Another day, another fly on another wall

Tatch out, here comes another one. Last night BBC1 brought us Hotel, the first of eight programmes looking behind the scenes at Liverpool's Adelphi Hotel. So no end in sight, then, to television's love affair with the "docu-soap". Especially now that crews have perfected that fly-on-the-wall technique in which the camera intrudes but tries not to interfere like the too-early party guest who shuffles from sofa to sofa as his hosts straighten the rugs and park bowls of peanuts around the room.

Film-makers had already pointcameras at an Australian family, an airport, an opera house, a driving school and Bath rugby club before checking into the Adelphi: when they pour a new drink in television, nobody knows when to say "stop". That's why we will shortly be peeking behind the tight smiles of holiday reps as a crew follows their season. Oh yes,

and a series about the port of Dover.

It's the Marcel Duchamp school of film-making - the objets trouvés of television being docusoaps. Duchamp got it into his head 80 years ago that it was no longer valid to make an artistic equivalent of an object - by, for example, painting a bowl of fruit -and that any everyday object (a urinal, a spade) could be seen as a work of art if you plucked it from its normal context and bestowed artistic authority by giving it an ironical title and a signature.

Television has caught on: so, instead of hunting for scriptwriters talented enough to draft a plot, and for convincing dialogue - a hunt that proved fruitless but nevertheless entertaining in the case of, say, Crossroads — you now save your-self grief by simply finding a Midlands motel willing to let you film the daily drama of real motel life. With luck you end up with

something more surreal than even Meg Richardson, Sandy and Benny could deliver.

What next? Just as Duchamp went on to influence the Dada movement, television's natural artistic progression from this point will be to move into, say, a Tristan Tzara phase. Tzara argued that the art of poetry should be reduced to cutting out words from newspapers. jumbling them up, and reading out the result. Similarly, instead of ignoring those bits of film left on the cutting room floor. docu-soaps will randomly assemble these clippings into six half-hour episodes that can be broadcast during prime time. Can't wait. Can you?

Tortunately for film-makers. the curse of Hello! has transmuted into the curse of the docu-soap. Couples who trill about their compatibility in Hello!



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magazine invariably announce their divorce just a few weeks later. Now, no sooner does an institution let in the cameras than disaster strikes. The Royal Opera House imploded before our eyes, and Bath's magical rugby skills vanished as mysteriously as Paul Daniels's charisma. So it came as no surprise that the

first glimpse we got of the Adelphi was of staff coping with the chaotic

at this year's Grand National. And how did they cope? That depends on whether you were behind the reception desk, gleefully auction-ing off the last remaining single bedroom for more than twice the official rate of £95, or one of the stranded punters balking at being asked for E45 to sleep on a mattress tossed on the floor.

The programme makers have been lucky enough to find a "character" in Eileen Downey, the Adelphi's five-foot-high, no-nonsense general manager. She has more lip than Mick Jagger and apparently believes she is performing a sort of stand-up routine for the cameras. But the editing is out of her hands. So while Eileen seems to regard her £45 mattress offer as a generous, Blitz-spirit, we're all-in-this-together gesture-it comes across as merely grabby. It didn't help that we had just overheard one of her sidekicks

watching the scene at Aintree on Knowing Me. Knowing You, is television as the race was being cancelled, saying: "Maybe they'll run tomorrow. We'll get an extra night out of them." You assume it must have been a black joke, but after editing it didn't sound like one. Come to think of it, it stuck out like a urinal in an art gallery.

lan Partridge is another character lippy enough to Fi support a series. He was created to satirise the television chat-show format. But I'm Alan Partridge (BBC2) brings him back for a series in which he is no longer a chat-show host - at least not a gainfully employed one: maybe that joke had run its course. So we are now invited to laugh at the fault-lines in Partridge's character for their own sake, as we did at Basil Fawhy's. Partridge, who sizzled when he made his debut on radio, then managed to translate most of the joke to television in

now batting on a trickier wicket. The Norwich-based "celebrity" may not be as rounded a comic creation as Fawity (few are), but he is still a magnetic enough combi-nation of justifiable insecurity and preposterous front, especially when harnessed to Steve Coogan's comic timing and a script that conveys its deadliest lines without resorting to the sledgehammer used by many sitcoms. Work has been scarce since Partridge acci-dentally killed someone on his char show and, later, hit his BBC boss in the face with a dead fowl. He now has a daily show on Radio Norwich: he pines for more but knows, deep down, that he probably deserves even less. We see him in the studio as he is reminding his listeners that "it's 4.35am and you're listening to Up With The Partridge". This elegant line of shorthand tells you all you need to know about how low he has fallen.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (33891) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (45549) 9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (5948278) 9.25 Style Challenge (6950013)

9.50 Kilroy (f) (1920605) 10.30 Change That in Sheffield (5319597) 10.55.The Realty Usaful Show Consumer issues (T) (7245617)

11.35 Real Rooms A tiny London kitchen

12.00 Nevis (1) and weather (6835549) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (5111407) 12.35 Going for a Song (2654345)

1.00 News (T) and weather (48636) 1.30 Regional News (1) (84848758) 1.40 The Weather Show (59226723) 1.45 Neighbours (r) (I) (97188988)

2.10 Quincy (r) (2330617) 3.00 World on a Plate Loyd Grossman track the history of chocolate and sugar back to their origins in the plantations of the Caribbean and Ghana (T) (3433)

3.30 Playdays (r) (8599181) 3.50 Arthur (8500297) 4.15 Fudge (T) (2965618) 4.35 The Queen's Nose (r) (T) (1115181) 5.00 Newsround (T) (58 Byker Grove (T) (9707704) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (221365)

6.00 News (T) and weather (471) **6.30 Regional News** (1) (723) 7.00 Holiday Jill Dando explores the Greek island of Cephalonia; Neil Morrissey is in Costa Rica; Chris Chor takes a short

knowny cruise aboard the liner Orienz, Monty Don is in Lyme Regis (T) (8742) 7.30 EastEnders George makes Roy a tempting offer (T) (907)

8.00 Match of the Day — Live: Liverpool v Stresbourg (Kick-off 8.05pm). Desmond Lynem introduces tonight's Uela Cup second-round, second-leg tie at Anfield, where Liverpool have to recover from the three-goal defeat they suffered in France (56341029)

NB: Subsequent programmes may run late

9.55 News (T) and weather (908297) 10.30 Auntie: The Inside Story of the BBC Documentary chronicling the rise of BBC TV in the early 1950s (T) (78100) WALES: Week in, Week Out (98568) 11.00 Auntie: The Inside Story of the BBC (58013) 12.00 FILM: Detence of the Realm 9731834)

11.30 Defence of the Resim (1985) Political thriller with Gabriel Byme as an obse iournalist whose investigations cause a high-ranking British MP to resign. When the disgraced politician dies in suspicious circumstances, the hack the matter than meets the eye. Also starring Greta Scacchi, Bill Paterson. Im Elliott and Ian Bannen Directed by David Dury (88029)

1.00am Tracks (1976) with Dennis Hopper Dean Stockwell and Michael Emil. A Vietnam veteran escorts a dead comrade has a strange effect on those involved Directed by Henry Jaglom (T) (\$92292)

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BBC2

6.00mm Arts: Victorian Dissenting Chapels (87100) 6.30 Scenes from Dr Faustus by Christopher Marlowe (16549)

7.00 See Hear News (T) (5987605) 7.15 Teletubbles (f) (4319988) 7.40 Smurts' Adventures (f) (2766029) 8.05 Bitus Peter (f) (T) (2273928) 8.30 Ceide Doke (f) (4965181) 8.40 Rupert (f) (9066162) 8.45 The Record (9969907) 9.10 Practising Bellet (7393605) 9.25 See You, See Me (2546162) 9.45 Numbertime (4856836) 10.00 Teletubbise (90159) 10.30 Watch (4367015) 10.45 Science Zone (2768704) 11.05 Spece Ark (8895926) 11.15 Megamaths (1980839) 11.35 History File (4168920) 12.00 See Hear (r)

(1) (79433) 12.30pm Working Lunch (52425)

1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (48961965) 1.10 The Art and Antiques Hour (6799520) 2.10 Going, Going, Gone (96515487) 2.35 Really Useful Show (3711907) 2.40 News (3701520) 2.45 Westminster (1) (7475549) 3.25 News (8313926) 3.3 The Village (r) (8782655) 3.55 Really Useful Show (8526520) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (636) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (r) (1114452) 4.56 Esther: Autism (9961907) 5.30 Today's the Day (100)

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Sel-Air (f) (i) 8,25 Heartbreak High Lest in series (1)

7.10 The O Zone Salt 'n' Pepa, Fabi and LeAnn Filmes (473094) 7,30 From the Edge A Sparish business run

by blind people (1) (549) 8.00 University Challenge Magdalene College, 'Cambridge v S. Catherine's



Antony Worrell Thompson (8.30pm)

8.30 Food and Drink New series. Chef Antony Worrall Thompson joins the culinary team. Jilly Gootden and Oz Clarke assess the best-value South American wines for under £5; and Lesley Weters samples Thai and Malaysian food (T) (1839)

Timewatch: Lords of the Mayn Investigating the demise of the Maya Indians (1) (198297) Back to the Floor The headmistress of Beneriden spends a week teaching in an East London comprehensive (1) (622365) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (589617) 11.15 Seinfeld (T) (689075) 11.40 The Larry Sanders Show (T) (800891) 12.00 The Midnight

Hour (1463230) 12.25mm Weather 12.30 Learning Zone: The Making of Sally Gunnell (5000124) 12.35 World Architecture (9445495) 1.00 Florence Revisited (60872) 1.30 Pierza (76921) 2.00 English File (53230) 4.00 Th French Experience (13872) 5.00 Business and Training (34969) 5.30 TV

6.00am GMTV (4410568) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1) (6936433)

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9.25 Regional News and weather (6453/64)
10.00 The Time, the Place (2755)
10.30 This Morning (1): (487386/32)
12.20pm Regional News (6526/33)
12.30 News (1) and weather (2536/33)
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3.30 The Riddlers (325100) 3.40 Western (1514452, 3.504 Obs. Advantages Amoldi (1)*(5819538) 4.40 Suniya E. (1) (9261481)

5.10 WALES: Don't Try This at Hon (9269655) 5.10 Relative (Knowledge (9269655) 5.40 News (1) and weather (497475)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (839) 6.25 Regional Weather (794704) 6,30 Regional News.(1) (891) 7.00 Emmerdale Jack and Richard use up all their luck (3810)

7.30 WALES: Your Century Charting the dramatic change in the world-famous coalmining valley of Phondida through the eyes of one family (425) 7.30 Take 3 (425)

8,00 The Bill WDC Croft has trusted the parents of a young drug addict to keep him clean, but it now looks as if she has been taken for a ride (1) (2758)

Roger Cook Investigates (8.30pm)

8.30 The Cook Report The first in a new seven-part series of the investigative programme (T) (8365) 9.00 Soldier, Soldier Julie has a surprise for

Possi (T) (4891) 10.00 News at Ton (T) and weather (74988) 10.30 Regional News and weather (976013) 10.40 Mad Max II (1981) Adventure set in the has become the world's most precious commodity. Max agrees to help an oll-producing community that is under attack from a band of violent bikers. Direted by George Miller (31935029)

12.25am Planet Mirth (1460143) 12.55 Late and Loud (5816853) 1,55 The Chart Show (r) (8025058) 2.50 Football Extra (r) (2510389) 3.50 World of Salling (r) (56070834) 4.20 Jones and Jury (r) (40906940) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (93044308) 5,00 Heirloom (r) (21495) 5.30 News (20330)

As HTV West except 12.54pm Air Watch (19402365) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (2658162) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9269655) 5.59-6.00 Air Watch (177988)

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10:35 Frazier (493839) 11.05 NYPD Blue (768592) 12.00 Witness (10389) 1.00am Opinions (55940) 1,30-2.00 The Black Bag (78389)

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year-old talks about her recent abortion (606520) 8.00 Black Bag: Highland Bollywood Why the Indian film Industry is coming to Scotland (T) (7100)

8.30 Birockside Max and Susannah are astonished by Jacqui's otaburst. Will Lindsay be able to resist Barry? (1) (6907) Cutting Edge: Women Drivers A documentary about

the diversity of women drivers (T) (2433)



Wooldridge and Fleet (10.00pm)

Underworld Black comedy thriller starring James Fleet sister who stumble into the world of a gangland boss (1/6) (1) (2046297) 11.05 Rory Bremner — Who Elee? (1) (1)

11.45 Whose Choice? Opinions The thoughts of Randall Terry, a radical anti-abortion campaigner (667159) 12.15em Whose Choice?: Mixed Feelings

Compilation (4909740) 12.30 Highway 61 (1990) A road movie with Don McKeller and Valerie Buhagiar as a couple travelling from Ontario to Louisiana with a drug-stuffed corpse who

2.35 Lete Night Rick Lake (T) (5908921) 3.20 Letter from America (r) (T) (27869476) 3.50 Photo Romans (r) (52256132) . 4.00 Schools: Geography Junction (1) (14766) 4.30 Technology for Today (1)

are chased by a would-be Satan. Directed by Bruce McDonald (T) (55287785)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge, Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (2985549) 7.30 Milicsheke (4631891) 7.35 USA High (6032742) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (8497407) 8.30 Wide World Jasper Johns' Flag (13/15) (9847948) 9.00 Espresso (2920094) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8027346) 10.30 Period Rooms (r) (9942592)

11.00 Leaza Chat show (7675100) 11.50 Double Espresso (94859100) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (5247984)

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8862433) 1.00 5 News (88391159) 1.05 Sunset Beach. (T) (3651907) 2.00 5's Company (8629075) 3.30 Every Girl Should Be Married (1948, b/w) starring Cary Grant, Betsy Dra Franchot Tone. A romantic comedy about

a young woman desperately seaking an aligible bachelor. Directed by Don Hartman (9813162) 5.00 Whittle Audience perilcipation quiz presented by Tim Vine (1) (5788758)

5,30 100 Per Cent Hostless game show 6.00 5 News (T) (3013568) 6.30 Family Affairs Holly tries to tell Susie how she leets about her. Maria tries to obliterate Pete's Influence (T) (3097520)

7.00 Exclusive Demi Moore talks about her ille and career (2652605) 7.15 Ueta Cup Football — Live Aston Villa's crucial second-round, second-leg match against Athletico Bilbeo. Kick-off is at

7.30 (70016839) Subsequent program delay or alteration 9.30 100 Per Cent Special Aston Villa lans



Hirst, Norton, Macauley (10.00pm)

10.00 Bring life the Head of Light Entertainment Comedy panel game hosted by Graham Norton with regulars Hurst and Fred Macauley (4897443) 10.30 Not the Jack Docherty Show With Graham Norton (6889365)

11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8422297) 12.15am Live and Dangerous Live sports magazine including, at 1.45, motorsport and at 3.45 football from the Latin America leagues (44729360) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco: Glass

Dartboard (7755969) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2918259)

listings of satellite and cable channels, see Vision published on Saturday

6.00mm Morning Glory (306297) 9.00 Regis and Kathe Lee (88902) 10.00 Another World (75758) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (82094) 12.00 The Oprah Wintery Show (58452) 1.00pm Geraldo (67100) 2.00 Sally 158452 1,00pm Garaido (67100) 2,009 530 y Jossy Raphael (48162) 3,00 Jerny Jones (74925 4,00 The Oproh Wintrey Show (53433) 5,00 Star Treir Veyager (5487) 6,00 Dream Team (5549) 6,30 Married with Children (2009) 7,00 The Simpsone (9449) 7,30 Real TV (8013) 8,00 Rescus Paramed-World's Most incredible Animal Rescues II 193549) 10,000 The Extraordinary (96535) 11,00 Ster Trek: Voyager (76487) 12,00 Late Show with David Letterman (65853) SKY NEWS

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

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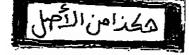
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Replacement sought for Pleat

Robson leaves Wednesday on the lookout

BOBBY ROBSON last night ruled himself out of the running to succeed David Pleat at Sheffield Wednesday, leaving supporters to consider a roll call of the usual, less glamorous, names to fill the post.

Ray Harford, Dave Bassett and Joe Royle appeared to be the leading contenders to take over from Pleat, sacked on Sunday with Wednesday bottom of the FA Carling Premiership with nine points from 13 games.

Robson's claim, made at the weekend, that he wants one more job as a front line manager inevitably saw him closely linked yesterday with the Hillsborough post. His answering calls from Portugal, where Sporting Lisbon's coach has departed, but neither job will tempt Robson from Barcelona where he is well paid and far from unhappy — if a little frustrated — in his role as director of football.

"Although I have said I would like to come back into coaching, I have not been approached and this would not be the right timing for me," he said last night. Robson's unwavering rejection turned attention back to British shores where there are few outstanding candidates, at least not readily available.

David Richards, the club chairman, complicated matters further by claiming that while Peter Shreeves, Plears assistant, would be in charge

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of the team for Saturday's match at home to Bolton Wanderers, he expects to name the new man in the next few days.

Just about all the names bandied around yesterday had at least one significant drawback, leaving Danny Wilson as perhaps the most appealing candidate. By guiding Barnsley into the Premiership last season, he confirmed that he is one of the brightest young managerial talents in the country and his insistence on creative football has won many friends, if few points

Hillsborough as a player, but chairmen recently agreed to tighten up the rules regarding poaching of managers and Barnsley will fight hard to

keep him. Bassett, of Nottingham Forest, was on the shortlist of candidates when Pleat was given the job and has a good record of saving teams from relegation. Forest acted swiftly yesterday to rule their man out of the running. One candidate who would be instantly available is Joe Royle, highly successful in his long period in charge of Oldham Athletic, but ultimately a disappointment at Everton after winning the FA Cup in his first season.

Sheffleid Wednesday favourite as a player, Wilson is still a popu-That could bring Ray Harford's name to the fore. fur man in South Yorkshire, where he has guided Barneley Into the Premiership. His undoubted men-The former Blackburn Rovers manager has allies in the Hillsborough boardroom and has twice turned down the job

ogenment abilities have not been enough to keep the club from a

gone well so far, but he is yet to sign a contract. Pleat became the first managerial casualty in the Premierthip this season after the 6-1 defeat at Manchester United on Sunday caused the board to lose patience. The 52-year-old, who succeeded Trevor Francis in June 1995, had spent more than £20 million

on players, but Richards im-

before. His rehabilitation of

West Bromwich Albion has

plied yesterday that he had not bought enough. "David had the chance to bring in who he wanted, when he wanted," he said. "I know there have been injuries but you have to have a squad big enough to play and get results even with four or five players out. You need to buy quality players and the management

are aware of that." For Pleat's part, there was little bitterness at the dismissal, although he believed that the board had acted hastily. "We've had a nightmare in terms of injuries to vital players who were so crucial to last year's good performances.

There are only 13 games gone and there was enough time to turn things around Whether it is a knee jerk to appease the supporters, whether is is a reaction to appease a plc, I don't know. I wish the club well and good luck to them in the great importance for Italian rugby, not only from a sports but also from an economic perspective," Pier-Luigi secretary of the Italian federation, said. "The economic advan-

lop dub rugby. dent of the federation, reacted joyfully to the reports: "It's confirmation, and recognition, of the hard work we have put into reaching the right standard," Dondi said. "I'm not saying today we can compete with the great nations but, after the first five (the three southernhemisphere powers, England and France I think we are on a par with the

movement which is growing rapidly. Today we have 35,000 registered players and we're making a great effort

Hosie, chairman of the five nations' committee meet Italian representatives in Bologna on Saturday, before Italy's international with South Africa, they may have to dampen some suphoria. Pugh's priority is to discuss Italy's playing strength and the comtry's commercial and development projects, though if those criteria are met and Italy is accepted, this could be only the first step in a radical revision of international rugby in Europe.

Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the Rugby Football Union's management board, is known to favour a two-tier competition, with promotion and relegation, as being the most effective way to encourage the growth of the game in the northern hemisphere. The contention is that an extended competition, perhaps over the next ten to 15 years, would embrace Canada and the United States, as well as so well-established a country as Romania. Spain

competition among the traditional nations is likely to come at the lower level of the European Conference.

The second tier of European club competition is seen as the right vehicle for the encouragement of the lesser lights of the old Federation lights of Internationale de Rugby Amateur (Fira). Romania have been represented this season by Farul Constanta but Pogh said last night that the national teams of Spain and Germany have accepted invitations and that replies were awaited from, among others. Holland, Poland and Portugal.

New Zealand arrived in London yesterday to conclude their season with a nine match tour, including internationals against England (twice), ag-land and Wales. They are looking at ways to reduce demands on their players in singlear when they will have played 12 internationals.



Italy jump the championship Therefore, when Pugh and Alan

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ITALIAN officials reacted with delight yesterday to reports that they will form part of an extended five nations' championship in 2000, but their joy is No formal invitation yet been made and Vernon Pugh, chairman of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), still requires satisfactory answers to a list of criteria he will take to Bologna this weekend.

What the five nations' committee has agreed, in principle, is that they should not operate a closed-door policy and that the country with the best credentials for joining an extended championship is Italy. They have made a formal application to join the five nations and have been promised an answer after the four home unions and France meet in mid-January next year.

However, reports over the weekend suggested that Italy's place in the new millennium was assured: "This is of

"We've had the courage to go on tour with a second team [to southern Africathis summer and we've won a World Cup qualifier with that team. It's a

in schools."

and Portugal are possible contenders.

Montgomerie solves dilemma

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

COLIN MONTGOMERIE will not desert Europe next year but will compete less often than he has in the past. suggests that he will continue to live in England and play regularly on the European Tour but in fewer than the 18 tournaments in which he

competed this year. Instead he will play per-haps 12 or 13 in the United States, compared with eight

Montgomerie was in something of a dilemma as how best to pursue his career. He felt he had done as much as be could on his own continent by winning the Order of Merit five times in succession and if he was to improve his chances of winning a major champ-

ionship he needed regular competition of a better standard. More importantly, he needed to spend more time competing on courses in the country where three of the year's four majors take

Montgomerie will start 1998 by playing in the Andersen Consulting Matchplay event in Arizona, after which he will

take two months off.

His first event in Europe
will be the Dubai Desert Classic at the beginning of March. Then he will fly to the US for a run of events in Florida before the Masters in April and remain there for

It had been thought that he might move lock, stock and barrel across the Atlantic, as Nick Faldo did three years ago. But Eimear Montgom-erie is due to give birth to their third child next May, and, with the first two children in his family both aged under five, it was always more likely that Montgomerie would not uproot them completely. He said yesterday that his family

came before everything.

It is to be hoped that this slight tinkering with his schedule will result in a significant improvement in his performances in the major championships. It is becommost of the time leading up to ing increasingly wearisome the US Open in June. He will for him to be described as one probably play more in the US of the best players never to have won a major.

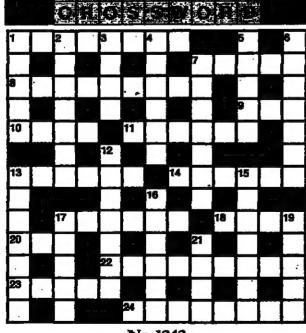
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confirmed a Scot. There had previously been some speculation that England were interested in recruiting him. "We are not

Scotland give Elliott his chance

picking him just to stop others from having him," Brown said. "He is a

tremendous defender in his own penalty

area and a major threat at the other end."
Elliott, 29, was given a free transfer by

toiled to attain status and will battle to

meet that description - Tosh McKinlay,

of Celtic, was not capped until he was 30.

SQUAD

Elliott might have started the game

By KEVIN McCARRA

A PLACE at the World Cup finals is liberating as well as exhilarating. Now that Scotland have ensured their involvement in tournament next year, Craig Brown, the manager, is free to indulge his curiosity. Yesterday, he named Matt Elliott, the Leicester City player, in his squad for the friendly with France in St Etienne on November 12

The Roehampton-born defender has a Scottish grandmother and Brown satisfied himself as to Elliott's eligibility six months ago, but decided not to take any action at that time. "We could have included him in our squad for some of the World Cup qualifying games," Brown said, "but if he hadn't played in them, he might have thought 'Stuff this.' The fixture with France is a friendly and, if appropriate, we will bring him on."

As soon as he enters the field, Ellion

will, for the purposes of football, be

SCOTLAND: T Boyd (Celtic), C Burley (Celtic), C Calderwood (Tottorhern Hotspur), J Collins (AS Morraco), C Dailly (Darby Coursy), W Doddos (Aberdeers), S Doeselly (Celtic), G Dutle Rengers), M Effect (Lalcester City), K Gellachter (Blackburn Houses), S Germmill (Nottophern Forest), A Gorsen (Bergers), C Henndry (Blackburn Rovers), D Hopkin (Leeds United), D Jackson (Celtic), P Lambert (Boruszia Dodmund), J Leichton (Aberdeen), S McAllister (Coversty Cey), A McColst (Pangers), J McChlister (Coversty Cey), A McColst (Pangers), J McChlister (Coversty Cey), A McColst (Blackburn Rovers), J McChlister (Coversty Cey), N McChlister (Blackburn Rovers), J McChlister (Coversty Cey), N McChlister (Blackburn Rovers), J McChlister (Celtic), A Main (Si Johnstone), N Sullivan (Wirnblackon), D Weir (Heart of McColster).

that he will play against Wimbledon two nights' earlier. He'll have a five-hour car journey to join us in Glasgow before we fly out," Brown said. "It would be unfair to give him one wee training session with both Crystal Palace and Charlton Afhletic while still a trenager. He only reached the FA Carling Premiership last season, when bought by Leicester from Oxford guys he doesn't know and then put him straight into our match. "If he's on the bench for the first half and gets a feel of it, we might be able to United. Brown prizes men who have retain it. Several members of his squad-

with France, had it not been for that fact

push him on. There is a temptation to use him because Colin Hendry, of Blackburn Rovers, has a knee injury that will prevent him from facing France and is included in the party purely in the hope that he can be part of the gathering.
"Elliott is a big skinhead," Brown said

approvingly. The manager also knows that the defender has a 40in chest. As well as being asked to measure up to France, the players are being measured for the clothing and kit they will need at the World Cup finals. In addition, the squad will be asked to complete questionnaires detailing dietary preferences. The actual game with France is obviously only one element in of the masterplan next week.